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FULL NAZI DIVISION IS ALREADY IN SYRIA

N.E.I. Reply To Japan In Unmistakeable Terms

It is understood in Batavia that the Netherlands East Indies Government, in its reply to Japan, unreservedly maintained its insistence on the independent development of the country's economic resources.

It also set its face sternly against any measures that would bring direct or indirect benefit to the enemy.

At the same time the Netherlands East Indies is willing to continue to cooperate with Japan on a reasonable basis in developing economic relations between the two countries.—Reuter.

Infiltration Increasing Rapidly

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IT WAS RELIABLY REPORTED IN ISTANBUL YESTERDAY THAT GERMANY HAS ALREADY DESPATCHED A FULL DIVISION OF ARMED MEN, NUMBERING 15,000, TO SYRIA BY MEANS OF THE INFILTRATION OF THE PAST WEEKS, WHICH IS RAPIDLY INCREASING.

According to stories brought to Istanbul yesterday by travellers from Syria, the Germans include at least 1,000 of the Luftwaffe's ground corps which are already reported to have taken over control of the Syrian aerodromes at Aleppo and Palmyra.

Large quantities of weapons and equipment, including anti-aircraft guns and trucks, were moved into Syria with the troops.

JAPANESE MYSTERY DELEGATES

STRICT SECRECY IS BEING OBSERVED IN JAPANESE QUARTERS IN BANGKOK IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRESENCE IN BANGKOK OF A JAPANESE DELEGATION OF FOUR MEMBERS.

The delegation is headed by Mr. One, ex-Under-Secretary of the Japanese Ministry of Finance.

It is believed that the delegation is to conduct formal inquiries in regard to ways and means for promoting Japan-Thailand trade relations.—Reuter.

ANOTHER AIR LULL

AIR ACTIVITY OVER BRITAIN DURING DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY WAS VERY SLIGHT.

Bombs were dropped by single aircraft at two points in north-eastern England, but nobody was seriously injured, says an Air Ministry communique.—Reuter.

SUBMARINE LOST

THE ADMIRALTY ANNOUNCED IN LONDON LAST NIGHT THAT THE SUBMARINE "UNDAUNTED" IS OVERDUE AND MUST BE CONSIDERED LOST, SAYS REUTER.

NAZI TROOPS REPORTED IN DAMASCUS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The National Broadcasting Company's Ankara correspondent reports that German forces have occupied Damascus, capital of Syria.

Meanwhile General Dentz, claiming reports of German infiltration into Syria are "lies," warned Britain that "France will meet force with force in Syria."—International News Service.

CRIPPS GOING TO LONDON

SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS, BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW, ARRIVED IN STOCKHOLM BY AIR FROM THE SOVIET CAPITAL YESTERDAY.

He had intended to come to Stockholm to see a specialist because of a throat affliction and after a few days rest to return to Moscow, but it is learned that since his arrival he has arranged to proceed to London.

Sir Stafford refused to be interviewed for the present.—Reuter.

It All Depends On Tokyo

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, referring at his press conference yesterday to reported talks with the Japanese, said United States policy in the Pacific remained unchanged.

Mr. Cordell Hull's remark left a clear implication that any improvement of relations with Japan depended on the Tokyo Government's action.

Mr. Hull expressed the United States Government's interest in the trade negotiations between Japan and the Netherlands Indies by pointing out that he has stood firm against any change in the Far Eastern status quo.—Reuter.

CRETE TO BE FOUGHT AGAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Final arrangements have been made for a full-dress debate on the loss of Crete when the House of Commons resumes sittings in a few days.

Informed quarters state the debate will probably develop into the sharpest criticism of Government's conduct of the war, and some of the plainest speaking heard in the Commons since the conflict began. It is expected Mr. Churchill will be under attack.

Mr. Churchill has decided to make a comprehensive statement on the Government's war course, including phases other than the Crete defeat. It is probable the debate will

SEIZURE OF SHIPS AT ONCE

President Roosevelt yesterday signed legislation permitting the Government to seize and operate approximately 80 foreign ships now idle in American waters.

The President thereafter immediately ordered the Maritime Commission to carry out the terms of the Act.

They include authorisation, inter alia, to charter or lease any ship for foreign or coastwise service but not to belligerent governments without presidential approval.

The foreign ships concerned include 36 Danish, 26 Italian, two German, two Estonian, one Lithuanian, one Rumanian and 14 French, including the "Normandie."

President Roosevelt told his press conference he did not know how many ships would be seized, nor whether French ships would be included.—Reuter.

FUGITIVE GENERAL TAKEN

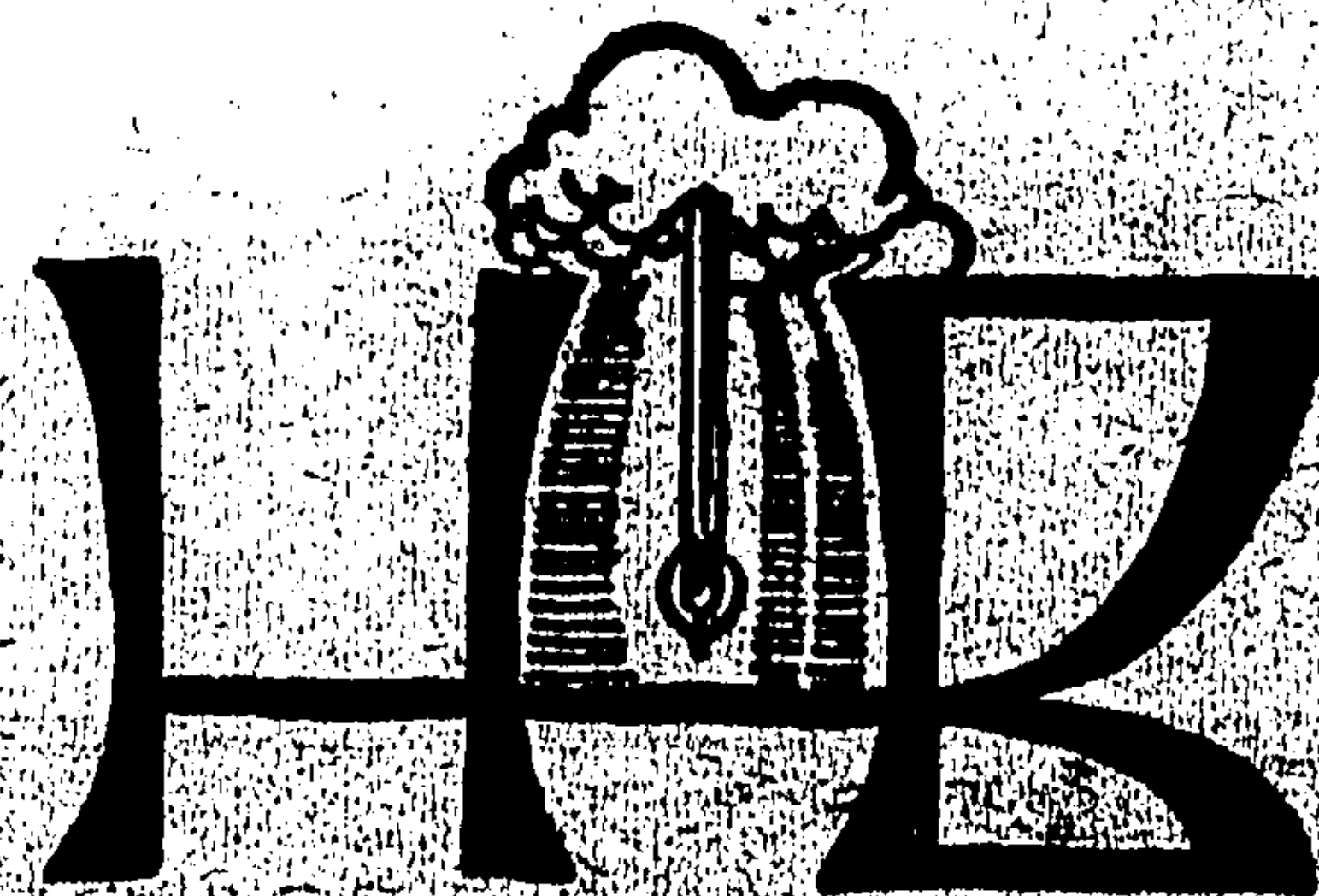
GENERAL AZIZ EL MASRI, FORMER CHIEF OF THE EGYPTIAN ARMY STAFF, AND HIS TWO COMPANIONS, WHO ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE BY AIR FROM EGYPT LAST MONTH, HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, SAYS A REUTER DESPATCH FROM CAIRO.

Aziz and his companions were armed and ready to resist when captured.

The total reward of £2,000 is expected to go to an Egyptian police officer.

General Aziz was captured in a skirmish with a request by Mr. Churchill for a vote of confidence, which he will undoubtedly be given.—International News Service.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

Roosevelt Puts Peace Talk In Rightful Place

Propaganda From Berlin Responsible

"PEACE OFFENSIVE" TALK WAS PUT IN ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

The President stated that Mr. John G. Winant, U.S. Ambassador to Britain, had not brought from England "even a tenth cousin of a peace offer," and added that German propaganda was responsible.

Asked if he cared to say Mr. Winant brought no peace terms, the President authorised the following direct quotation—a very rare event:—

"Not even the tenth cousin of a peace offer or anything like that or any discussions of peace."

"Absolutely nothing like it, provided you use this not as a denial by the President but as an accusation by the President."

Asked whom he was accusing, President Roosevelt said: "Persons being duped by Germany."

Orders From Goebbels

President Roosevelt volunteered the information that he had on his desk two orders which, he said, had been issued by the official German propaganda agency in Berlin to Nazis and Fascists in the United States.

The President declared the first order told them to stress the idea that Germany had no thought of ever doing anything against any country in the western hemisphere (evidently in direct reply to the President's fireside chat).

The second ordered Nazi and Fascist sympathisers, as soon as Mr. Winant arrived in the United States, to spread the story that he had brought a "scare head story" that Britain was about all in and was talking peace.—Reuter.

BOOM TO WELSH RECRUITS

Attention is being paid to the need for smoothing the passage of men into the Royal Air Force, so that recruits may change from civilian to R.A.F. duties with the least loss of working time.

Hitherto men from South Wales and the West of England who volunteered for ground duties in the R.A.F. have been obliged to travel long distances for interviews before enrolment.

This has now been changed. A centre has been opened at Porth, Glamorgan, to which prospective recruits from South Wales and the Bristol area are sent for interview and attestation. As was explained recently in the House of Commons by Captain Balfour, Under Secretary

AIR FORCE MASCOT ZOO

One of the strangest zoos in the world exists in Kenya—famous for its big game. It is the mascot zoo of the South African Air Force.

During the months they have been in camp, members of the squadrons have collected lions, cheetahs, gazelle, zebra, giraffe and baboons. There is even a two-foot grass snake, which is usually found coiled up and acting as a paper weight on the C.O.'s desk. These are South Africa's official air mascots.

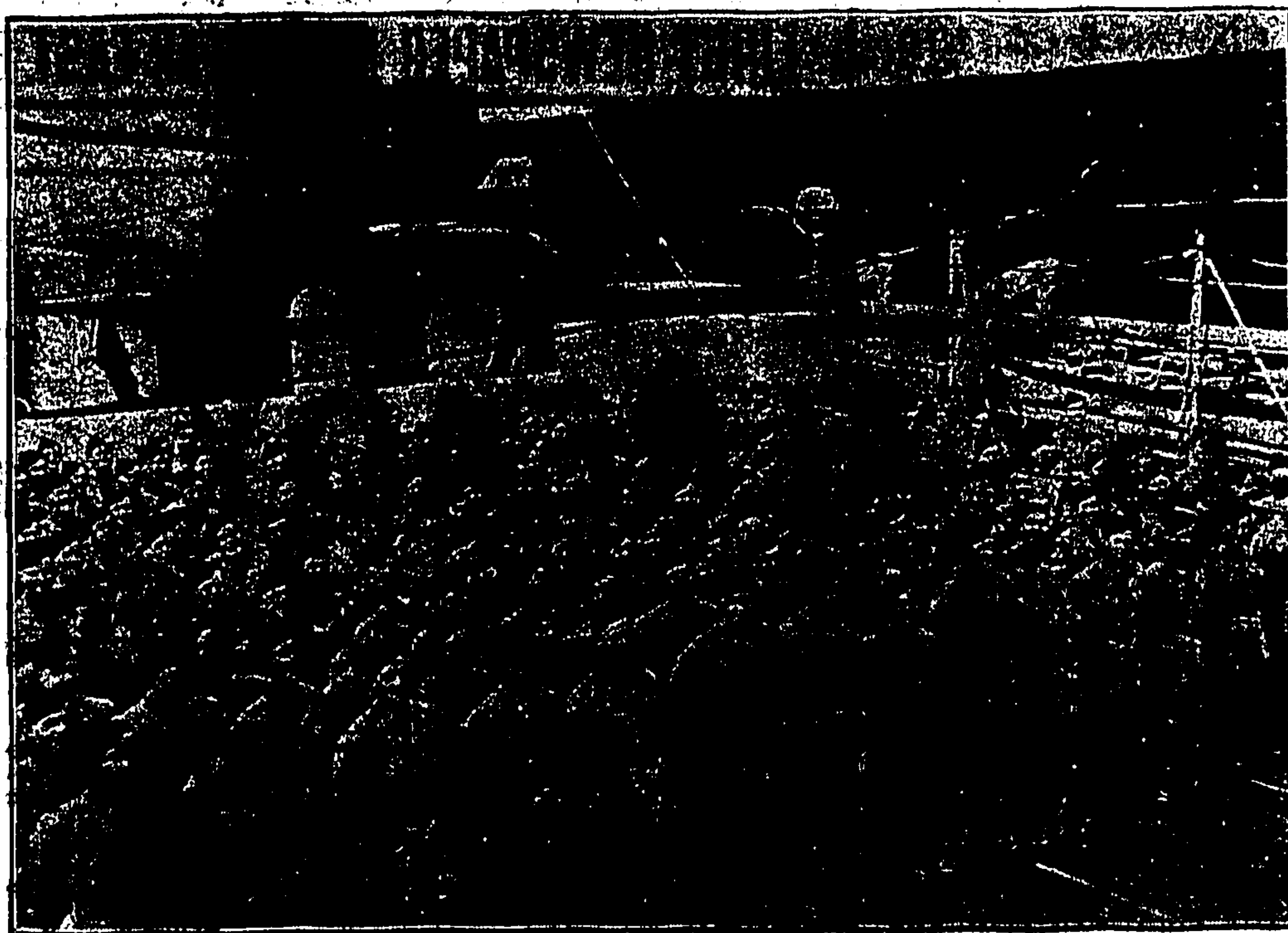
"Bomber," a magnificent six-months-old lion cub, belongs to the Headquarters of a bomber squadron. "Shorty," the giraffe, belongs to a flight that has carried out several successful raids recently. The young baboon is called "Thunderbolt." This youthful luck bringer has as wrinkled and weather-beaten a face as any old Askari who has spent his life wandering over the northern Kenya deserts.

At the Army Cooperation Squadron which has adopted him, pilots insist that he should put them on the head before they take off. As the pat is usually rewarded by something to eat, "Thunderbolt" is usually quite anxious to bestow his blessing.

In one way the airman's craze for mascots is part of his inherent modesty. He gives the credit for his successes to his mascot, and forgets about his own skill and gallantry. For example: a young pilot climbed out of his cockpit the other day. The fuselage was riddled with bullet holes, some close to his seat. As he wiped oil from his face and told of his experiences, somebody said: "You put up a pretty good show." He replied lightly: "If 'Thunderbolt' hadn't pulled out a couple of hairs when he patted my head to-day, I shouldn't have got out of that scrap."

That, as far as he was concerned, closed the matter.

of State for Air, this centre is to deal with recruits other than aircrew candidates and certain specialist tradesmen. It should result in a great saving of time and a gain in convenience to men from South Wales and the West who are anxious to enrol.



Here members of a Royal Australian Air Force contingent are seen on a transport as they sail for Canada.—(Copyright, Fox.)

LOUIS CHEVROLET DEAD

Louis Chevrolet, pioneer motor-car designer, after whom the Chevrolet car is named, died in Detroit yesterday at the age of 62.

Born in Switzerland, Chevrolet was an outstanding racing motorist who had been retired nearly 10 years.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S MANPOWER CHIEF

A big step towards centralising the problem of distribution of Britain's manpower in wartime has been announced.

A new Director-General of Manpower has been appointed by the Ministry of Labour and National Service, with effect from Monday next.

He is Mr. G. H. Ince and he will take charge of the national services, labour supply and military recruiting departments of the Ministry.

A committee of three has also been appointed to examine, in consultation with the three Service departments, the employment of skilled men in the Forces.—Reuter.

NORWAY PROTEST TO GERMANY

THE GROWING UNREST of all sections of the Norwegian people has been voiced by 43 of the most prominent national organisations in Norway in a joint letter to the German Commissar, Terboven, says the Norwegian telegraph agency in London.

Stating that public indignation has increased markedly in recent weeks, the letter details a whole series of incidents resulting from the illegal and terroristic activities of Quisling's Nasjonal Samling Party and his band of Storm Troopers.

Protest is particularly made against brutalities committed by the hired (Quisling's Black Guards) in schools, colleges and public meetings, as well as the kidnapping of Dr. Gjessing, Director of the Dikemark Mental Hospital near Oslo.

The signatories of the letter point out that the decrees issued by Quisling-Commissars of Justice and Police are contrary to both Norwegian and international law.

The doctrine of "private retaliation," officially endorsed by the Quisling public prosecutor, exposes Norwegian citizens to brutal assaults without the possibility of legal redress. It is pointed out.

The letter states that civil servants and municipal employees have been threatened with dismissal if they do not join the Nasjonal Samling. Nevertheless, out of 4,000 public employees in the Bergen district, only 12, under pressure, joined the Samling.—Reuter.

REFUGEES IN TURKEY

Many refugees are arriving in Turkey from the Greek islands.

The Turkish Government has adopted a humanitarian attitude and has sent the refugees to the interior, where they are receiving a small daily allowance which enables them to live.—Reuter.

one worry—he is not allowed to fly his Spitfire when his brother pilots go on offensive raids over France. He is more than prepared for the risk but his commanding officer knows that if he had to land in occupied territory the Germans would shoot him. He has no intention of losing his life in the squadron's most popular pilot in that way.

FRENCHMAN'S ESCAPE—TO FIGHT

A 24 year-old Frenchman now doing good work with a Spitfire squadron is one of many who thought the French Government would continue the war from Africa when his country was being overwhelmed by the Nazis. He expected his flying training school to be moved overseas, but when he saw there was no hope of a continued stand he decided to fight on with Britain.

He joined up with a number of Czechs who had been ordered to escape and helped them to a port. "At the port," he says, "the Czechs were passed, but another Frenchman and I were stopped. Luckily a Polish squadron leader ordered us under arrest, and we were taken aboard ship with our Czech friends as 'escort'. I escaped two days before the armistice. If I had not been so sure that we should be ordered to fight on from Africa, I could have flown a French machine to England." The Frenchman now has only

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OUTLINE OF POST-WAR POLICY

Old Ideas Unfit To Cope With New Problems

Human Welfare The Aim

A SCHEME FOR INTERNATIONAL POST-WAR POLICY, IN WHICH BRITISH AND AMERICAN COLLABORATION PLAYS A VITAL PART, WAS OUTLINED IN LONDON YESTERDAY BY MR. HERBERT MORRISON, THE HOME SECRETARY.

Mr. Morrison, who was addressing a luncheon of the Foreign Press Association, said old ideas would completely be unfit to cope with post-war problems.

"Human welfare," he said, "should be the international aim in dealing with them. We must direct the whole of our policy for achieving for everyone in all countries a really high standard of health, diet, physical well-being, education and a happy combination of peace of mind with strenuous effort which marks civilised men.

"We must never again let our statesmanship be shamed by the paradox of men starving because the world produces too much food and shivering because it makes too many clothes.

"Under the stress of war the British people have learnt a lesson which has promise for the future.

"The rationing of food, for instance, has given them a diet that is ideal for good health but this will be an impossibility in practice if Government is not spending £100,000,000 a year to offset the cost of war.

International Association

"We believe that thus we shall find not only the means of social security at home but will lead even to a fuller international association, including America, the Dominions, Colonies, the United Kingdom and other freedom loving countries, Socialist and non-Socialist."—Reuter.

"WINGS ABROAD"

A group of Canadian airmen serving in Britain with a Canadian Squadron, which forms part of the Army Cooperation Command of the R.A.F., have found time to produce an entertaining and informative squadron news journal—"Wings Abroad."

This eight-page paper, published "somewhere in England" is described as the "official organ" of the squadron. It has been founded on a thoroughly business-like basis, with an editor, a manager, a circulation manager, a secretary-treasurer, a staff of eleven, and a padre as "columnist." Its subscription rates are 3d. per copy, 6d. monthly, and by mail in Canada, 25 cents per month.

The Hon. Vincent Massey, Commissioner for Canada, has been quick to congratulate the squadron on its new venture. In a special "Good Luck" message he says that the production "gives promise that, unlike many good intentions, it will weather the storms that always assail new journals. You have plenty of fine copy and I hope that the new publication will find the ever-widening number of readers which it deserves."

BRUTALITY OF NAZIS IN ATHENS

Evidence reaching official Greek circles in Egypt shows that the Nazis are dealing with Greek workers in the Athens district with the greatest brutality.

According to M. Dimitrios, Secretary-General of the Greek Workers Federation, the Nazis are carrying out mass arrests of Athens workers, many of whom have been executed on grounds of attempted sabotage of German munitions dumps.

M. Dimitrios declared that terrorist methods have hitherto failed to break the spirit of Greek workers who continue secretly to resist the invaders.—Reuter.

ARAB AUTHORITY'S APPEAL TO ENGLAND

"THE RECENT SPEECH of Mr. Anthony Eden and the armistice terms in Iraq are new proofs of England's friendship towards the Arabs," says an "Arab authority," writing in the newspaper "Alahram" in Cairo yesterday.

"This has more effect on Arab opinion than propaganda and press comments, but the present situation is so serious that it cannot be settled by mere words. The Arabs are anxious concerning their future and they believe that the result is still in the balance and they must bear their share in the fighting which will help England win.

"It is necessary that the Arab and Moslem world should now mobilise their power for the final blow.

"The Arabs are willing to pay the price of their independence and union and if England now needs the help of all her friends to hasten the date of the Democracies' victory, why then this silence?

"If British statesmen are aware of these sentiments then we have every right to expect they should come to an understanding with the Arab leaders as a preparatory step for closer collaboration before it is too late."—Reuter.

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FRENCH 'PLANE FLIES OVER JERUSALEM

A French aeroplane flew over Jerusalem yesterday morning dropping leaflets addressed to Frenchmen.

The leaflets declared people were misled as it was untrue German air formations were occupying Syrian air bases or that German soldiers had arrived.—Reuter.

BIG BEN TELLS ALL'S WELL

BIG BEN IS EASILY THE MOST POPULAR STAR IN THE B.B.C. EMPIRE BROADCASTS.

At a gathering of women doing war-time duties at the B.B.C. Miss Marjorie Anderson, an Empire announcer, said scores of letters received from Empire listeners showed that Big Ben topped the list in popularity.

"They seem to get a tremendous comfort from hearing his chimes," she said. "I think they listen to him and feel that all is well with London. So we put him on the air at every possible juncture."

ALEX. AIR RAID TOLL INCREASING

The Egyptian Premier yesterday specially visited Alexandria, toured the wrecked districts damaged in the German air raid on Wednesday, and sympathised with the wounded in hospital. More corpses are being recovered from the debris.—Reuter.



Mrs. Muriel Mackay, sister-in-law of Maj-Gen. Iven Mackay who led the Australians into Bardia, is an ambulance driver in London. Photo shows Mrs. Mackay with a stretcher party inspecting a piece of incendiary bomb which fell on their station during a recent raid. (Copyright, Fox).

PEERESS' AMAZING EVIDENCE

A statement that Sir Delves Broughton was willing to do everything possible to enable his wife to marry Lord Erroll, was made by Lady Carberry yesterday during the trial of Sir Delves on a charge of murdering Lord Erroll.

Lady Carberry also stated she had never known Sir Delves Broughton to exhibit jealousy of Lord Erroll.

She described the events of the evening before Lord Erroll's death. During that evening, she said, Sir Delves toasted Lady Broughton and Lord Erroll and wished them every happiness in future.

During a talk with Sir Delves, she said, he told her he had asked either Lord Erroll or his wife to go away. He added that since they were unable to do so he contemplated committing suicide.—Reuter.

TURCO-GERMAN NEGOTIATIONS

It is understood in Ankara that negotiations are shortly commencing at Ankara between the Turks and Germans to increase commercial exchanges between the two countries, says Reuter.

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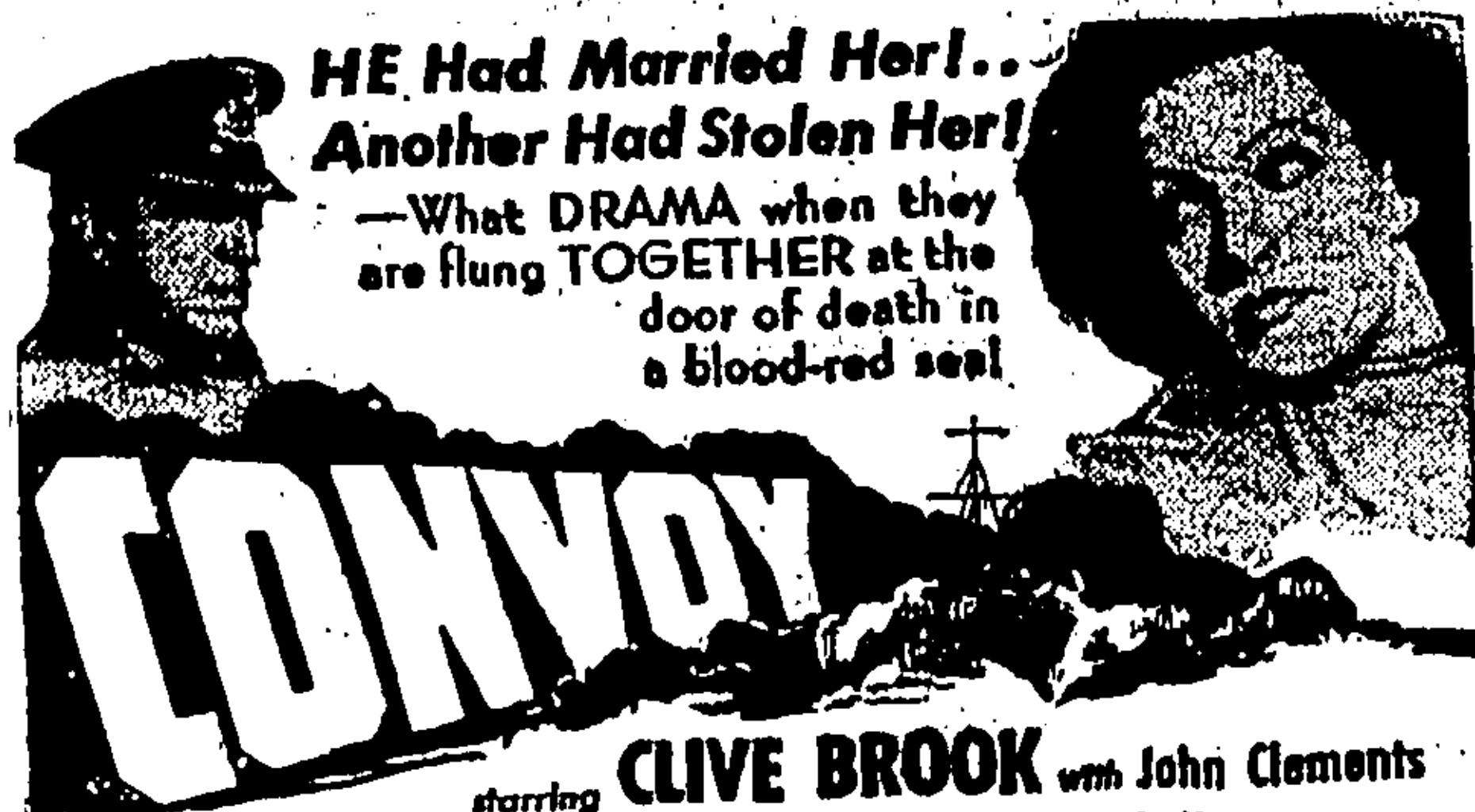
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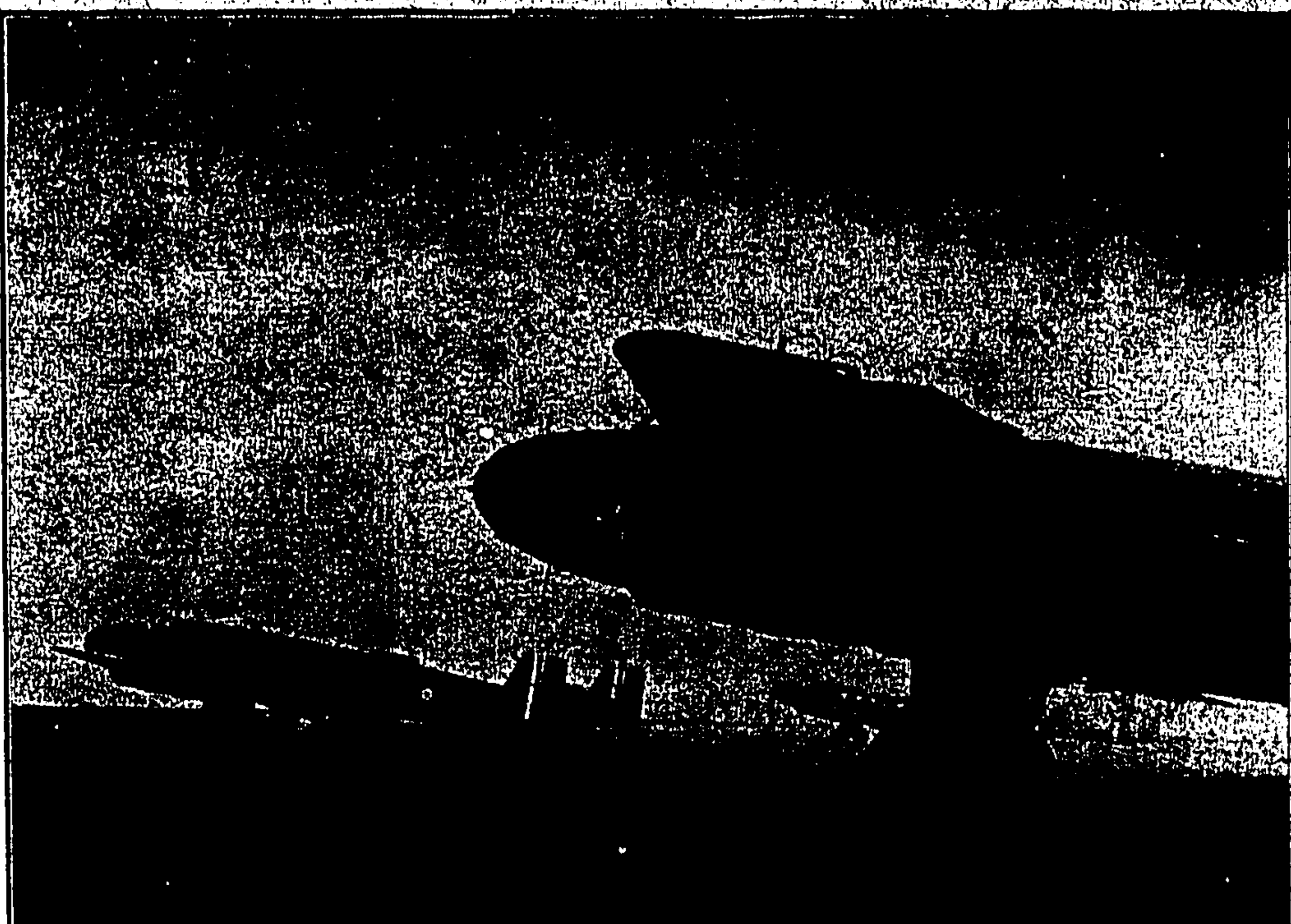


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TO-MORROW Lewis Stone, Mickey Rooney in
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Oberland China Mail
which gives all the News there is —
Both Local and Coastal



A South African bomber squadron stationed somewhere in Kenya preparing to leave on a
raid as dawn breaks. (Copyright, Fox).

ADEQUATE STRENGTH IN AIR PROMISED TO ANZACS

PROMISE OF ADEQUATE air support for
the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in
their next battle was given by the New Zea-
land Prime Minister, Mr. Peter Fraser,
addressing New Zealanders from Crete in a
desert camp where they are resting and re-
equipping.

Mr. Fraser declared: "We must and will
see that the men who proved more than equal,
man for man, to the Nazi tyrant and armies
will have, when next they go into the field,
adequate air support and ground equipment
which will enable you to sweep the hordes of
the Nazis back where they come from."

The Prime Minister told the
men they were not defeated be-
cause of any superiority in Nazi
personnel or morale nor because
of any weakening in their own
ranks in fighting determination
and spirit.

"You were literally blasted out
of Crete by air attack. No flesh
and blood could stand it."
They had proved beyond doubt
that parachute troops could be
defeated and in doing that they
had achieved a "great victory"
not only for their own country
but also for the motherland.

Something Achieved

"After what you did in Crete
it is unlikely that any German
parachutists will ever land in
the United Kingdom." That at
least was achieved.

Mr. Fraser paid this tribute to
the Navy: "I wish to pay a tri-
bute, and you will all agree it is
well-deserved, to the Fleet under
Admiral Cunningham.

"I was engaged on behalf of
New Zealand in frequent discus-
sions with the Admiral and staff
in regard to the evacuation and
I can say that the risks taken
by him and the men of the Navy
were unprecedented. Everything
humanly possible was done to get
the maximum number of our
men away.

"From what I heard in our hos-
pital from men suffering from
wounds and sickness at that time
the kindness, consideration, ef-
ficiency in treatment and the
warmth of reception aboard the
warships was really beyond
praise." — Reuter.

NO PACIFISTS MAY BROADCAST

"If a man were a notorious
pacifist, and therefore the enemy
of his country, he should not be
given the privilege of being al-
lowed to address the public
through the medium of the
B.B.C., or even be promoted to
the distinction of performing be-
fore the microphone."

This statement was made in
the House of Commons by the
Minister of Information.

There were quite enough peo-
ple to fill the programmes of
the B.B.C. day and night without
having recourse to those who
were, in his opinion, enemies of
their country, added the Minis-
ter.

It was announced recently that
Sir Hugh Robertson, conductor of
the Glasgow Orpheus Choir,
would not be allowed to per-
form for the B.B.C. Sir Hugh is
a pacifist.

ADEQUATE AIR SUPPORT IN FUTURE

In future actions in
the Middle East,
Australian soldiers
will be protected by
the "largest possible
air force that British
ingenuity can pro-
duce," promised the
Premier, Mr. Menzies,
in a speech in Mel-
bourne yesterday.

Mr. Menzies ex-
horted Australians to
work as they never
have before.—Reu-
ter.

TREAT 40 NERVE PATIENTS AT ONCE

Dr. E. N. Snowden, pioneer
of mass psychology in hospital
treatment, states in his annual
report on classes at the Hospital
for Nervous Diseases, Maida
Vale, London, W., that it is
possible to treat up to forty pa-
tients at a time, giving them a
course of eight twenty-minute
lectures.

The Government may consider
holding similar classes for Ser-
vice patients.

POPE'S DONATION

Toulouse radio (quoted by
Reuter) announced yesterday that
the Pope has given 200,000 francs
for French relief.

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SHOWING TO-DAY A Romance in Mandarin

君麗孟 "THE GOLDEN HOAX"

MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



15, IS G.P.O. FIRE HERO

Only when a Home Guard threatened to club him with his rifle did young Tommy Nuttall, West of England telegraph messenger, stop kicking incendiaries off the blazing roof of a blitzed post office.

Grumbling and disappointed, he obeyed orders and went to shelter.

DANCE PARTY IN CRASH—3 KILLED

Three women were killed when a lorry taking home a party from a dance came into collision with another vehicle near Virginia Water, Surrey.

They were Mrs. G. Goldsmith, thirty-five, of Virginia Water; Miss P. M. Bridger, nineteen, of Egham; and Miss J. E. Smith, seventeen.

The party had attended a dance organised by members of the forces in return for other dances for the troops which Virginia Water had arranged.

When the call came for volunteers to save valuable apparatus and records, Tommy, aged 15½, was first up the stairs to the top storey.

With him went his pal Frank Hugo, who twice got into difficulties and was each time saved by Tommy.

Frank, eighteen, was off duty when the raid started, and the post office where he worked caught fire.

Tunic Alight

He ran up a ladder with a stirrup pump hose, put his head through the blazing frame of a trapdoor and, while Tommy pumped, fought the flames on the roof. The water gave out and the burning ceiling collapsed on him and Tommy.

Frank crawled out, dazed, and with his tunic alight. Tommy beat out the flames with his hands.

All through the night, with walls threatening to fall on them, the boys went on with their salvage. They saved valuable records and thousands of pounds worth of apparatus.

HANGING IS TOO DEAR

—For The Sheriff

When an execution takes place in Britain it costs the High Sheriff £25.

This amount includes the hangman's fee, the provision of a hempen rope, and a fee to the Under-Sheriff to see the hangman does his duty properly.

This was revealed in the House of Commons recently when the Chancellor of the Exchequer was asked to relieve the High Sheriffs of these fees.

The Chancellor pointed out that the High Sheriff could recover his expenses from the Exchequer—with a limit of £10 for the first and £5 for each of the other prisoners who were hanged at the same time.

In addition, the hangman's travelling expenses (third-class rail) could also be claimed.

The Chancellor added that he had not heard any suggestion that these allowances were insufficient.

Sheriffs of cities and towns, he said, were appointed by the local authorities, and their expenses were not recoverable from the Exchequer.

At the end of this passage about the hangman, Mr. Thorne asked the Chancellor if he was aware that the hangman had to have a rehearsal before he was engaged.

The Chancellor: That is another story.

GIVE UP CHOCOS FOR BOMBED

For six months little Gill Halston has lain in hospital paralysed. And like most girls of seven, she longed for some chocolates.

At home in Market Weighton, Yorks, her parents and nine-year-old sister Enis tried hard to get her some. They failed.

One day Enis had a surprise—a friend sent her a big box as a present. She took them at once to her sick sister.

Then the two little girls talked the matter over. They decided that chocolates were far too rare to eat, so they raffled the precious box.

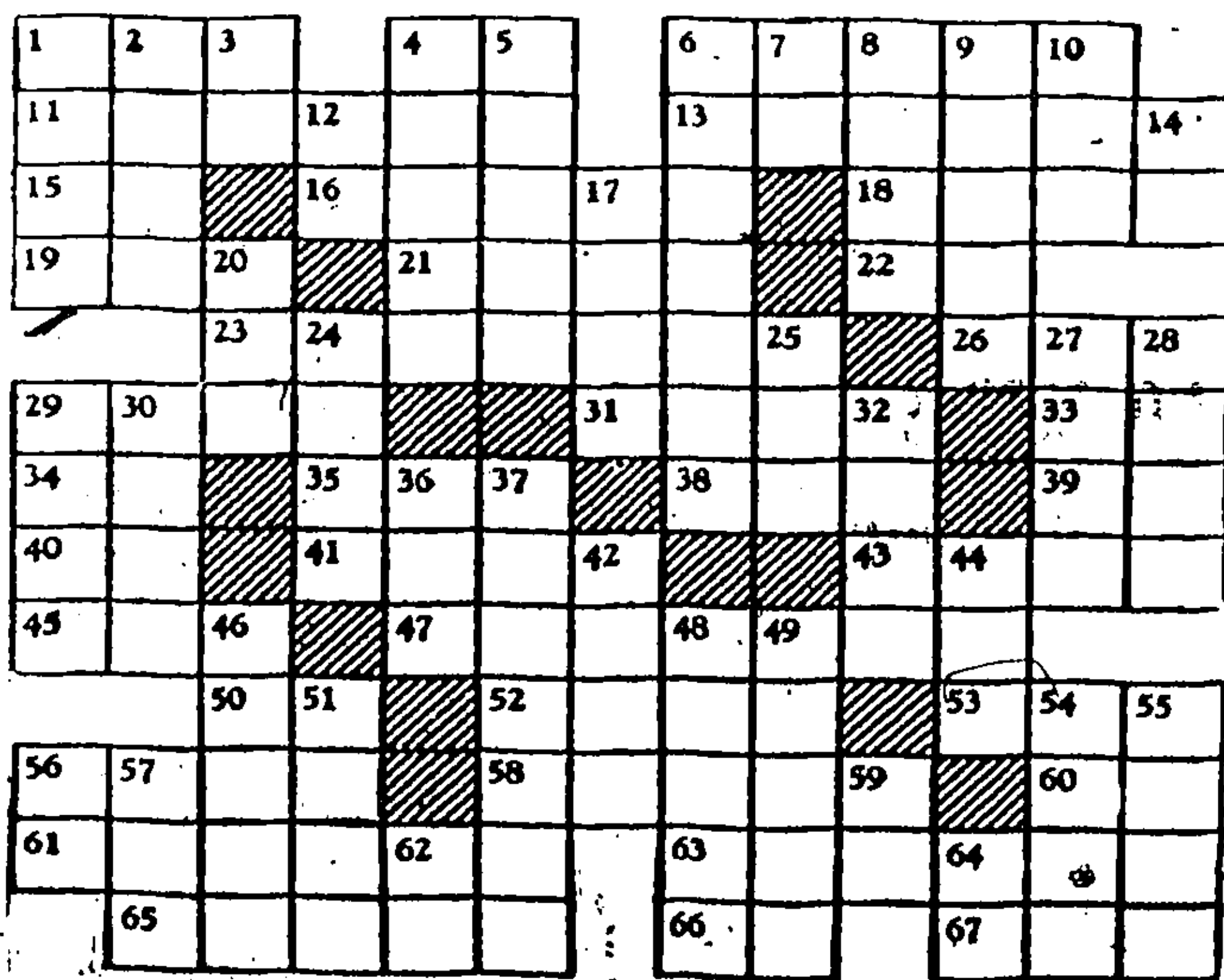
Their Own Idea

Tickets were 2d. each, and they sold well over 300. They sent the money to the Lord Mayor of Hull's raid distress fund.

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HORIZONTAL

- 1 Confusion
- 4 Note of scale
- 6 To brag
- 11 Island in Malay
- Archipelago
- 13 To go on board a vessel
- 15 Pronoun
- 16 Tapestry
- 18 Silkworm
- 19 Beverage
- 21 Mythological Scandinavian king
- 22 Note of scale
- 23 Delayed
- 26 Seed container
- 27 Conversation
- 31 Evil giant
- 33 Norse deity
- 34 Artificial language
- 35 Poisonous snake
- 36 Spring organ
- 37 Article
- 40 Upon
- 41 Pronoun
- 43 To depend
- 45 To marry
- 46 Escalade
- 47 Run fast
- 48 Chinese month
- 49 Convulsions

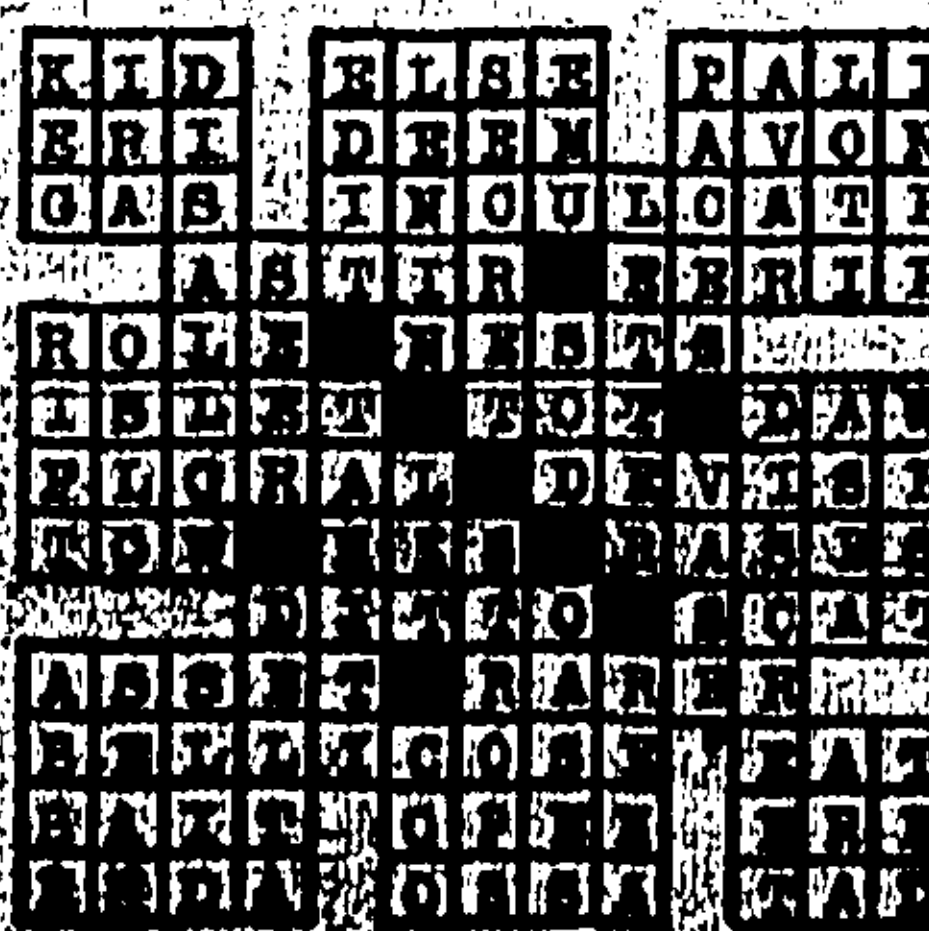
- 50 South-African Dutch
- 58 Heron
- 60 Symbol for tantanum
- 61 Repugnant
- 63 Liable to penalty
- 65 Slumbered
- 66 Printer's measure
- 67 Dawn goddess

VERTICAL

- 1 To border on
- 2 Quantity of medicine
- 3 Conjunction
- 4 Wild
- 5 Chief artery
- 6 To beleaguer
- 7 Sacred Hindu word

- 8 To aid
- 9 More high priest
- 10 Prefix: three
- 12 Symbol for sodium
- 14 Egyptian astral body
- 17 Woman's singing voice
- 20 Arabian garment
- 24 Eskimo settlement
- 25 Arid
- 27 Egg-shaped
- 28 To refuse
- 29 Omnivorous bird
- 30 To sharpen
- 32 Weird
- 36 Dry
- 37 Objection
- 42 Entrance
- 44 Worm
- 46 To fish by
- 48 Drink
- 49 Oil
- 51 Fibre plant
- 54 Man's name
- 55 Inlets
- 58 Toward
- 59 Paid notices
- 62 Note of scale
- 63 Above
- 64 French article

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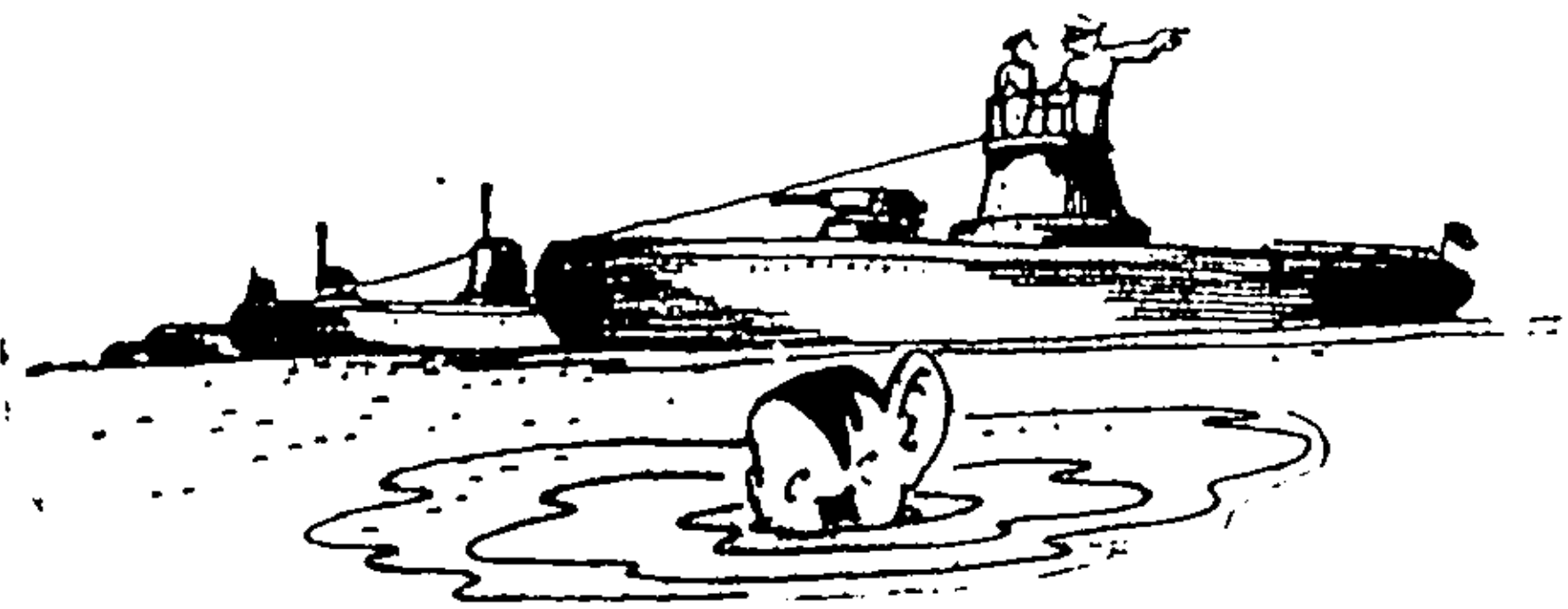
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Germans' Purchase' French Industry

(By Kenneth Downs, I. N. S. Correspondent)

IN WHAT IS unquestionably the largest organised looting project in history, Germany is taking over a big part of French industry, lock, stock and barrel. But the amazing thing about this, apart from its magnitude, which distinguishes it from booty grabs of the past, is that all is being done "legally." Germany is paying for its loot with French francs.

Under terms of the Armistice, France agreed to pay Germany Fr. 400,000,000 a day; this staggering sum, just under \$10,000,000 at the official rate, was levied for the maintenance of the German Army of Occupation in France.

The cost of the upkeep, however, of the Army of Occupation does not exceed Fr. 125,000,000 a day. Thus, each day the German authorities have Fr. 275,000,000 clear after paying expenses of the Army of Occupation. One of the main uses they are making of this great sum is the purchase of French industries. By the end of the war they expect to control, with clear legal titles, French heavy industry, publishing and the radio.

Other Industries Bought

All French industry on the continent outside France is being bought up, including their interests in Skoda in Czechoslovakia and the fabulous mines De Bor. Europe's richest copper mines, in Yugoslavia. M. Laval concluded the mines De Bor deal with Ribbentrop and Abetz in Paris shortly before he was thrown out of office last December. When Marshal Petain learned of this deal he is popularly credited with having said: "M. Laval is selling France piece by piece."

French heavy industry, mostly located in the south, and publishing enterprises also have been purchased on a large scale. A large part of the press in the occupied region is either partly or wholly German owned. The Germans bought into Havas, the French news agency and national advertising monopoly so heavily that the company had to reorganise to avoid falling completely into German hands. Under the reorganisation, Havas turned over control of the rich advertising monopoly, but kept control of the news end of the agency.

Publishing Trust Desired

Hachette's, the big publishing and circulation trust, resisted German efforts to buy it. The Germans were particularly anxious to get control of this company in order to manage publication of school books.

Since thwarting German efforts to buy in, Hachette's has been the object of the most violent attacks from the Paris "Soir" and other German-owned newspapers in Paris. These attacks accuse Hachette's of every known villainy and corruption in the most inflammatory language imaginable—the attacks go on day after day.

It would seem to be a rather safe wager that this company, even with its great resources, will have to give in eventually. It has no means of defence and the press attacks, if they don't work fast enough, will be followed by "investigations" and all manner of hamstringing until the company is forced to yield.

German Purchase Methods

The German system has been to close its deals amicably, wherever possible. Sometimes they offer prices well above the market; sometimes, where owners are reluctant to sell to Germans, the latter engage French dummies to do their buying. When these means fail, gentle hints are thrown out: "better sell while you can or you may have it taken from you."

Recently the Paris "Oeuvre" published the following announcement:

"As was announced by the Minister of Finance on December 9, 1940, the Board of the Compagnie Financière des Hauts-Fourneaux et d'Acier de France, which had been established by the Government, has decided to acquire the stock of the company and will take over administration of the company."

"The stock, no matter what category . . . will be purchased at Fr. 3,500 a share. The sale of stock is optional . . . The board, however, strongly advises stockholders, with no reservations, to realise on this operation as rapidly as possible."

Nothing strong arm about that. But few will miss the hint. The Vichy Government recently put through a law forbidding sale of French securities to foreigners either in or out of France. If this law is permitted to stand, it will slow down the gobbling up of French industry. It won't stop the sale of privately owned industry which does not have its stock listed on the market. Much of French heavy industry is so earned. The week the decree was passed, a family-owned Lorraine mill was sold for Fr. 30,000,000 cash.

LOOKED LIKE A CONVICT

(AND WAS ONE)

Walter Beman, who escaped from Dartmoor Prison, was captured in Plymouth.

Police-Constable Riggs, off duty and in plain clothes, was standing at a store's snack counter when Beman, wearing a brown suit and trilby hat, asked for a cup of tea.

Riggs challenged him. Beman replied: "Do you think I look like a convict?" The officer said: "I do. Let's have a look at your identity card."

Beman could not produce one. Asked where he lived, he said, "Dock Road." There is no Dock Road in Plymouth.

He told the officer he was working for a transport firm and had to meet a pal. They went to the supposed rendezvous, but no pal turned up.

He was taken back to Dartmoor.

Beman had served all but five months of his sentence of four years' penal servitude.

Stanley Thurston, who also escaped from Dartmoor, is still free. He had been at liberty twelve days.

LIFTED MINE ON HIS BACK

To save young children on the beach, a youth carried a mine from the sea and put it in a safe place.

He is John Stanley, Junr., of Ann Street, Abbeville, and he was dismissed at Dundee Sheriff Court on a charge under the Defence Regulations Act.

The Fiscal said Stanley went into the sea, lifted the mine on his shoulders and walked along the beach to some men on duty there.

Previously children had thrown stones at a mine which blew up three.

NAZIS BRAG NEW 'PLANE

A new type German reconnaissance 'plane, most modern 'plane of the German Air Force, with a double-top storey, was described in German newspaper recently, Berlin radio said.

It is known as the Focke-Wulf 189. It is heavily armed and a very dangerous weapon. It has two Argus engines, a body in two compartments, and provision for a crew of three in a glass cockpit, giving vision on three sides.

BRIDE DIED SHIELDING PATIENT

Twenty-eight-year-old Sister Sharp, who was to have married in a fortnight, was among the nurses who gave their lives to shield a patient in a Coventry hospital, which was one of the main targets in a recent heavy raid.

The hospital was one which suffered badly in the previous blitz on Coventry. While a group of nurses, several of them bandaged, stood round a mobile canteen in the grounds, an official told of their heroism.

"Sister Sharp and Nurse Cooper, who worked in the X-ray department were killed," he said. "They were on voluntary night duty in case of a raid."

"When they were last seen they were huddled over a man on a stretcher shielding him from falling debris. The patient was saved."

"Sister Sharp had talked a lot about her wedding plans."

"We believe there are other nurses still beneath the debris." A house surgeon and a Polish nurse also lost their lives while attending to patients.

A St. John Ambulance officer said: "The nurses ignored danger."

"After a bomb had hit one wing the nurses moved all the children to safety, but a delayed action bomb exploded and wrecked the wing. I saw dozens of nurses huddled over their patients."

Although the nurses had a terrible experience in the previous raid, they volunteered to return when the hospital opened again.

Several ruins of the last bombing were again bombed recently, and a number of houses were demolished.

Hundreds of workers who had had no sleep for twenty-four hours were walking to the factories the next afternoon to start night work.

SHOT FAILED TO WIN HIM BACK

In a vain effort to win back her husband, Mrs. Alice Atles shot herself through the shoulder in Reno, divorce capital of the United States.

Mrs. Atles had pursued her husband, Charles Atles, 3,000 miles across the United States from New York to Reno, where he had gone to file a divorce suit.

She phoned him while he was with his lawyer. "If you don't see me I'll shoot myself," she cried. Then over the phone her husband heard a shot.

CHINA MAIL

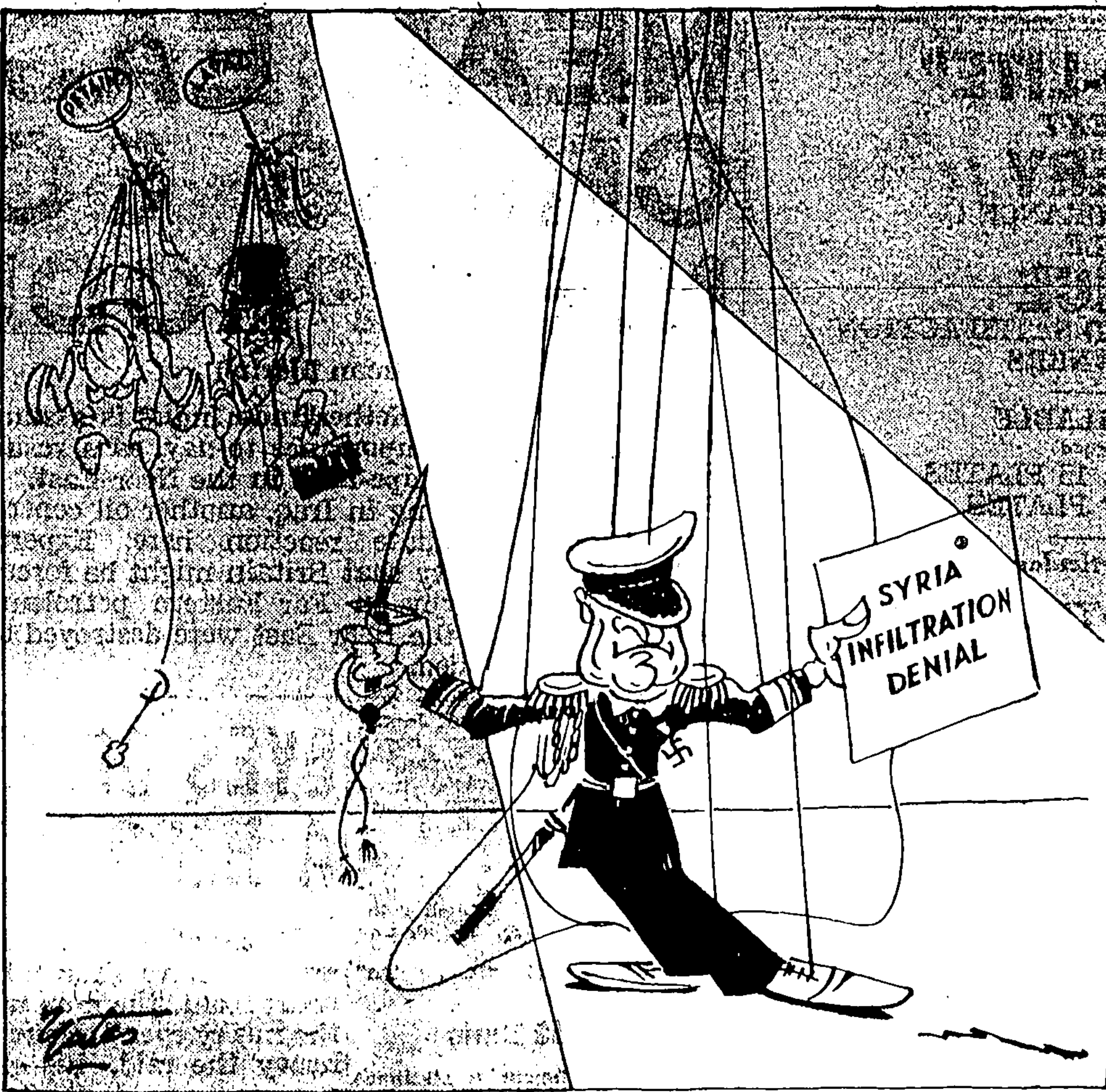
WINDSOR HOUSE

LABOUR LOOKS AHEAD

The British Labour Party's Conference held in London during the week in defiance of possible German bombs, opened with an almost unanimous vote in favour of an "all-out" fight until victory. The tone of the Conference throughout was a direct challenge to Hitler and all he represents. While denouncing war as an instrument of national policy, a declaration was submitted by the Party Executive which stated: "we reaffirm our determination to fight until Nazism and Fascism are overthrown. We shall insist upon making a peace which will restore freedom and independence to conquered peoples. We shall demand an organisation of such international institutions and controls as will put it finally beyond the power of the Government of any country thereafter to embark upon aggression."

This memorandum, which was passed by a card vote of over two million as against 30,000, was not a pious utterance or an expression of wishful thinking; nor was it put out as a theoretical basis for discussion. It was the result of a reasonable and determined resolve and was the more emphatic as it was the expression of opinion of a section of the community which has perhaps suffered more heavily than most during the present war, and which has certainly some bitter memories of pre-war days. The Labour Party has unmistakably grown up. It employs no longer the threats of a weakling. Its delegates to the Conference wasted no time in recrimination of past Governments nor did they breathe revenge on Germany. On the contrary they stated their aims bluntly and straightforwardly.

The heads of the four totalitarian countries doubtless listened, for in these representatives of British labour lie the key to Britain's strength, and here is to be found the yardarm by which to measure their own resources, not only in production, but in what powers of endurance their own people may possess. Mr. John Winant, United States Ambassador to London, stated the position as regards Britain very clearly when he told President Roosevelt that "despite heavily increasing odds, severe reverses and diminishing food convoys, British determination to see the thing through had hardened instead of soft-



AND NOW DARLAN

Beyond Nationality

I want to tell you why I think that it is terribly important to the whole world—including the Germans—that Great Britain, and

diminished."

But it was not only to re-state their determination to win the war that the Labour Conference was held. Indeed a great part of its interest lay in post-war reconstruction. Mr. Arthur Greenwood, who has been delegated by the Government to draw up plans towards this end, when addressing the Conference, was able to say that Britain was the only country engaged in the war which had improved its social services. It is interesting to note that the Government's aims are professedly similar to those of the Labour Party. Labour is determined that the war shall be won. But it is regarded as the preliminary step to a greater goal, and no time is to be lost in preparing for the future. For this reason the Conference urged national planning now in order to facilitate the transition from war to peace. It deplored the "intolerable" mass of unemployment; demanded the removal of distressed areas and declared that in peace time as well as in war time, finance must be made the servant and not the master of political policies. These are wide subjects, revolutionary in character, but the war, destructive and horrible though it be, is awakening people as nothing in the past has succeeded in doing. The world will be a happier place as a result.

not Germany, should win this war. I am not concerned here with the events that led up to the war. Let the dead past bury its dead. The future is what matters, and what will come out of the war. When the fighting is finished, and the smoke has cleared, we shall find ourselves looking at a world that is changed and unfamiliar. Vast changes are taking place of which we cannot yet see the shapes; but we all know, in our bones, that the world can never be the same again. Whoever wins, however, and whenever the end comes, the people of the world will face a task of reconstruction. There will have to be a remaking of the economic and the political institutions of human life. In

By John Macmurray

particular there must be, in my opinion, some sort of unification of Europe, as the prelude and preparation for an effective form of world unity. This will have to happen, whoever wins. But if Germany wins, it will be done in one way; while it will be done in a very different way if victory falls to the British Empire.

This difference will not depend upon temporary and immediate conditions. Germany's way would not depend upon the kind of mad fellow that Hitler is, nor upon the ideas or the passions of the Nazi Party. But it would depend on the past history of Germany and the shape that history has imposed upon German experience. And the British way would not depend upon what government was in power, or upon what men had the making of peace in their hands or the framing of policy. It would be the result of centuries of experience; it would be the outcome of generations of social practice which has determined the shape of Great Britain and of the British Empire. The difference between the British and the German way of achieving the unity of Europe would grow out of the difference between the British Empire and the German Reich. The difference lies in this: that Great Britain is not a nation but a unity of nations, and, as a consequence, the British Empire is not really an empire, but a growing Commonwealth of Nations.

Now the last thing that I want to do at this moment is to sing the praises of the British Empire. In my opinion our situation is too serious for that. Only the truth, and especially the less palatable sides of it, can serve

the need of the hour. The British Empire is not the Kingdom of Heaven. The East End of London is not my idea of paradise, and there are episodes in our history for which we cannot take any credit. But even if the worst that is said by our critics were true, it would not be the whole truth, nor the part of the truth that really matters to the world. There is more to be said. We treated Ireland badly for a long time, but at last we set her free to our own disadvantage. We did it with a bad grace, perhaps, but we did it. India has grievances: yet India, in my opinion, is moving fast towards self-government within the Empire, and will become, in the not distant future, a free member of the Commonwealth of Nations. Does anyone doubt this? Not even those old-style imperialists who would like to prevent it. And why? Because there is an inner pressure in the structure of British history that drives us, often in spite of ourselves, away from the slavery of the old empires towards the freedom of a commonwealth of peoples.

Britain's Task

If Great Britain wins the war, she will fall heir to the German effort to unify Europe. In my opinion she will be obliged to undertake the task. But it will be undertaken in a very different spirit, a spirit which will be directed by a very different historic experience. The British principle of unification will lie beyond nationalism.

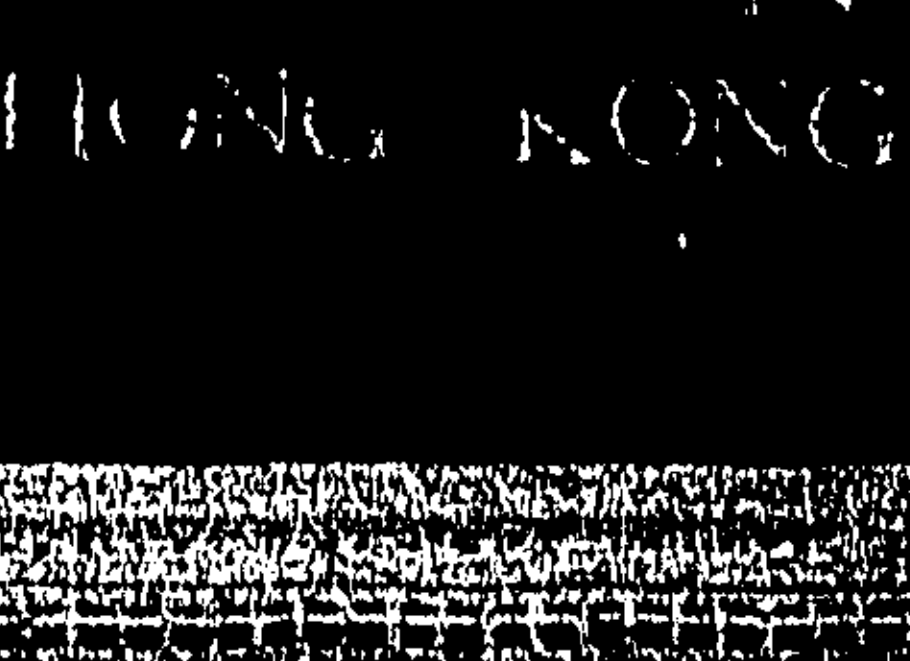
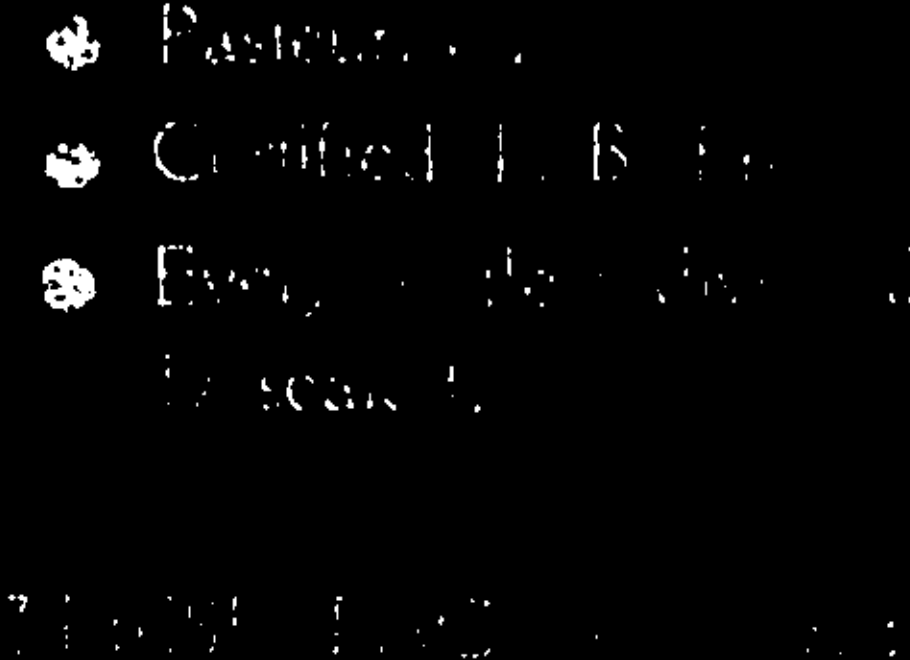
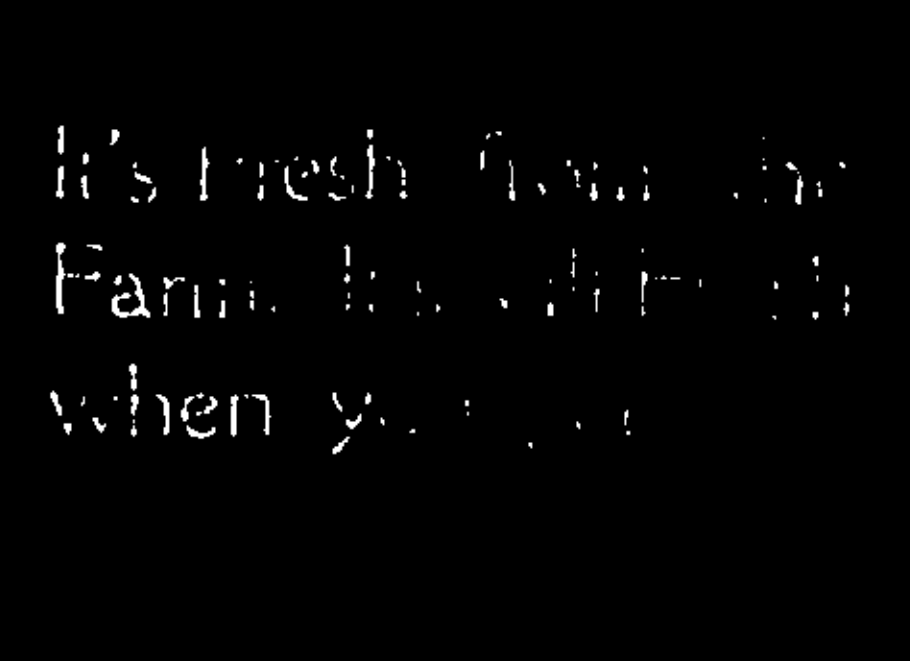
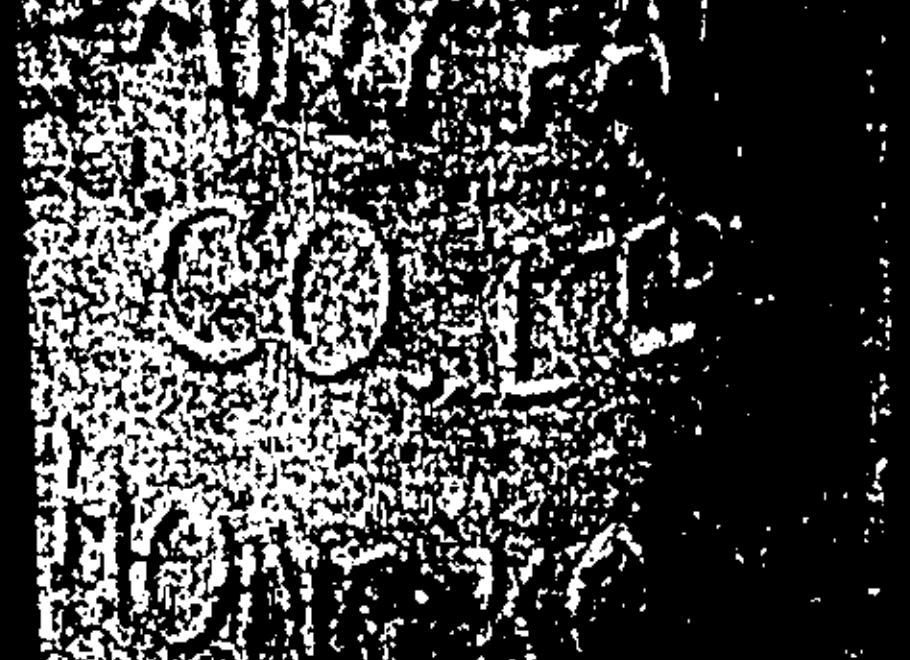
Within our boundaries there are people of the most varied traditions and culture, at every level of social development. This in itself compels British statesmanship, in sheer self-interest, to think inclusively and not exclusively; and to plan in terms of the world and its peace. It forbids us to contemplate a unification of Europe which is incompatible with the interests of the world as a whole.

This, then, is my reason for thinking that it is desperately important for all the peoples, including the unfortunate German people, that the British Empire and not the German Reich should win this war. The New Order the Germans would set up would continue the German experience. A British New Order would grow out of British experience. Germany would seek control through domination and suppression; Britain would seek freedom through law. The German Empire would be an Imperial Dominion organized through military discipline against the rest of the world. The British Empire would be a Commonwealth of Nations seeking to play its part in a peaceful and democratic world-order.

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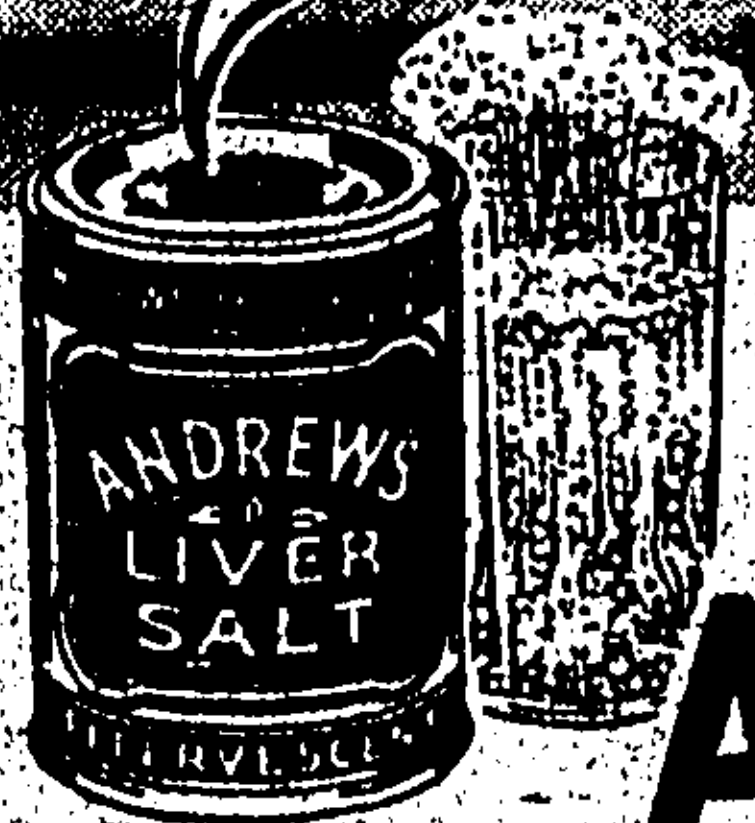
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(By Reiman Morin)

OIL FROM THE Netherlands Indies is assuming a new strategic importance to-day, as a result of threats to British pipe-lines in the Near East.

The recent fighting in Iraq, another oil centre, brought an immediate reaction here. Experts studied the possibility that Britain might be forced to draw more heavily on Far Eastern petroleum sources if fields in the Near East were destroyed or production suspended.

At the same time, there was the question, as always, of Japan. The Iraq disturbances began only a few days before Japan renewed her oil contracts here. Last November, a Japanese trade mission concluded a deal, with six-months' options, for the purchase of oil and petroleum products. It was signed with private American and British companies, which pump, refine, and market the oil.

But they do not exactly "own" it.

Export Bans

The government at all times reserves the right to impose export bans on any vital product, and to direct its use. The Indies, an ally of Britain, are at war with Germany. Hence, it was considered a distinct possibility that the companies' contracts with Japan might necessarily have to be abrogated, if the oil were diverted to Britain's armed forces.

In that case, none or very little could be sold elsewhere, experts said.

For production here is not very great. The Indies' fields rank fifth, a very poor fifth, in the world. They bring up some 7,500,000 tons a year, between three and five per cent. of the world total. The oil is very good, engineers say, but there isn't much of it.

Main fields are on Borneo, at Tarakan and Balikpapan; on Sumatra, at Medan and Palembang; on Java, at Djambi and Tjepoe, and on Ceram. Refineries are located near the biggest fields.

Where N.E.I. Oil Goes

Netherlands Indies oil fuels and lubricates a number of war machines. It goes to Singapore, the mighty British naval base, just across the straits, to Hong Kong, a smaller but not unimportant outpost, to China, Australia, South Africa and British India. It is a vital element in the Indies' own defence system.

And it may assume supreme importance if the United States fleet should engage in extended operations in the southern Orient, for south of Manila or Guam.

Consequently, although the total amount pumped in the Indies is not great, if stacked against world figures, it is considered to have a major role in the gigantic international checkerboard. It is the one big source in the Far East. Possession of it by Japan would probably completely shield the Japanese "Achilles Heel," her dependence on foreign sources.

**WASHINGTON IS
"BOOM TOWN" NOW**

America's gigantic defence programme has transformed Washington from a dull city of staid bureaucrats into the gayest and most expensive capital in the world.

A tiny hotel room costs \$4 a night, champagne (at \$3 a bottle) flows like water, and queues wait to get into night clubs.

It is known as "Boom Town." Workers are busy on scores of new buildings.

One reason for the fanatically high cost of living is the arrival of scores of millionaires, who are giving their services to the Government for a nominal salary of a dollar a year.

**EYES OF
A HERO**

Blitz victims and fellow wardens have often taken heart from "the man with the merry eyes." However heavy the raid, his grey eyes never lost their sparkle. Yet they are completely sightless.

Arthur Small, Liverpool's only blind A.R.P. warden, has helped to rescue people from blitzed houses and guided the injured to the local doctor.

So efficient is he that few realise he is blind.

Now he is a blitz victim himself. His conscience may have saved his life.

It was his night off duty, but the crump of high explosive bombs made him say to his wife, also a warden: "Let us go and see if we can help."

They put two old ladies, bombed out from their own home, under the stairs and went out. Soon after a heavy bomb wrecked the house.

Dodging bomb splinters, as though guided by a sixth sense, Mr. Small and his wife hurried back and rescued the old ladies.

Later, alone, he led several of the wounded to a doctor and carried to safety a two-year-old baby, wrapped in an elderdown.

"Not Pulling Weight"

Mr. Small, who is thirty-eight, told a reporter "I do no more than I should."

"In addition to patrolling with my wife or another warden, I used to manage the phone switchboard and do other odd jobs."

"I feel I am not pulling my weight now. I have been evacuated to a strange district and have temporarily given up my A.R.P. work."

"I still attend wardens' meetings. If I can find accommodation in my own neighbourhood I would like to be back on the job."

Mr. Small, a home teacher, has a district in which he instructs blind people in Braille and handicraft.

**ONE-ARM OFFICER
WOUNDED AGAIN**

Two War Office Casualty Lists issued recently contain 352 names. Twenty-one are officers (eight killed, five wounded and two died).

Temporary Captain D. M. Geddes, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, wounded, was decorated with the M.C. by the King in 1937 for bravery in Palestine. He then lost his right arm, but has since continued to serve with his regiment.

Casualties in other ranks include forty-two killed, twelve died of wounds (one as a prisoner of war), seventy-eight wounded, fifty prisoners, and forty-two died (three while prisoners). Three previously missing are now "not missing."

**NEW BLACK-OUT
BLUES**

Girl workers in a northern factory have a new kind of black-out blues.

Dressing-rooms at the factory are "black-out" with blue paint.

"When we made-up in that light before meeting our boy-friends after work we came out looking like Red Indians," one of the girls told a reporter.

"We have asked the firm to change the black-out."

**'CLEAN UP'
OF RADIO
HUMOUR**

The Public Morality Council is out to clean-up the B.B.C. standard of humour.

"Complaint has been made to the Council concerning broadcasts of alleged humour," states the annual report, "objection being taken not on grounds of mere vulgarity or taste, but by reason of an apparent acceptance of a lower standard."

The Council is endeavouring to set up a "viewing panel" in each of the more important provincial cities to see all stage productions and report to the Council.

The report states that the anti-nudity campaign was successfully concluded, and it had been amply demonstrated that the public desired that its entertainment on the stage should be "free from the unwholesomeness associated with 'strip-tease' and the like, now happily a thing of the past."

**DOLE IS
TO STAY
AS NOW**

Unemployment benefits and contributions are to remain as they are.

The fund is in a healthier state than ever, because of the virtual abolition of unemployment, but the surplus is to be used first to wipe out all the fund's liabilities, then to build up a credit balance for after the war.

There was a net surplus of £54,500,000 at the end of the year. Of this, £38,500,000 will go to discharge completely the fund's liabilities. That is the recommendation of the statutory committee.

The committee considered plans for increased benefits, lower contributions and other improvements, but decided that none of these was as urgent as the need to prepare for the future.

It was agreed, however, that there was a case for immediate inquiry into two points: possibility of abolishing the three-day waiting period for people seeking benefit; and plans to remove anomalies regarding insurance of married women workers.

ITALY

British Prisoners Snug In Abruzzi Mountains

OBSTRUCTED BY heavy climatic and military weather, news does not travel fast from Dictator Mussolini's interior domains.

Similarly obstructed and further hampered by a barrage of censorship don'ts, newshawks do not easily get their stuff across. Most of them have to stow their information till they get out.

One scout came out recently with many stories to tell. Most were unpleasant, but one gave a pleasing account of Italy's British prisoners of war. Interned deep in the Abruzzi Mountains, they have a comfortable if restricted time.

When Cavalcade's scout first struck them just before Christmas they were busy preparing to celebrate as merrily as possible in their snow-covered camp. None, least of all the officers, had any complaint to make against the Italians.

Yuletide Feast

Yuletide feast included plum pudding sent through from the U.S. Embassy in Rome, plus pickings from the many parcels sent from home. Besides the carol party, the adaptable Britons had established their own amateur theatre, run by a former vaudeville performer.

Accommodation was decent and has since improved. The scout saw repairs being rushed on the Villa Orsini, owned by Marquess Orsini, into which distinguished visitors moved during the holidays. One of them was Air Marshal O. T. Boyd, whose plane was forced down in Sicily when he was flying to take up his Eastern Command in November.

FOOD RAMP FINES "JOKE"

Despite local food control committees and patriotic action by housewives reporting cases of overcharging, food profiteers continue to slip through the Food Minister's net.

Though convictions are secured in most cases brought by Ministry enforcement officers—95 per cent. of 1,160 prosecutions during February were successful—grave cases are too often "punished" by a nominal fine or dismissed under the Probation Act.

Allowing an appeal by Coventry district food officer against a decision by Coventry magistrates and ordering them to convict, Mr. Justice Humphreys said: "The Justices appeared to overlook that rationing of food is an essential part of carrying on the war."

Food control committees all over the country are worried by the leniency shown to the profiteers in the courts.

Willesden, London, committee say recent decisions make their work appear a joke and have told their executive officer to appeal against all future unsatisfactory rulings.

SWEDEN HELPS IN WAR HEALTH BATTLE

Dr. G. Olin, chief of the State Bacteriological Laboratory at Stockholm, says his laboratory work is dominated by the war.

As much anti-tetanus serum as possible is being produced. All other products are serum against gangrene by gas and the production of the usual serums against typhoid and other epidemics has been greatly increased. —Reuter.

Modern plant to supply electricity and hot water has been installed and the whole house repainted and refurnished.

British soldier prisoners, who will act as servants, will live on the top floor. The Italian guard will occupy the ground floor, and the Air Marshal, with a few other top-ranking British officers who will be permitted to live in the same house, the quarters between.

Rankers, housed in several dozen barrack-like buildings, said they had plenty of food and blankets. French are kept separate from the British.

Parson

Senior officer in the British camp is Commander W. L. Brown, formerly of battleship Warspite. He acts as parson for Protestant prisoners. To kill time he is perfecting himself in hand-made wood inlay work.

Among French prisoners in the camp is a Parisian, Raoul Jacques Escoffier, nephew of the famous chef of the same name. Before the war he was a hotelier of international experience.

Fountain Of Love

Nearest village to the camp is Fonte d'Amore—Fountain of Love—named centuries ago by the poet Ovid, who believed the waters there contained a love potion.

Somewhat less comfortable are the Italians imprisoned in Egypt. Here, too, however, there is no serious complaint. The Italians realise General Wavell has more prisoners than he might have expected.

Most of the Italian arrivals are housed in temporary camps, some necessarily open-air affairs. Later they may build their own camps in accordance with the rules of the Hague Convention.

British authorities made housing provisions for a large number of prisoners before the attack started, but these are inadequate, since the number captured has so far exceeded expectations.



Death strikes the bridge of a British warship when an enemy shell kills one of the officers. A scene from the Michael Balcon production, "Convoy," the sensational story of the Royal Navy's war upon enemy sea raiders now showing at the King's Theatre.

GORILLA ROMANCE HITCH

Romance between Gorantua, famous U.S. circus gorilla, and Toto, recently brought from Cuba to be his bride, has been temporarily stopped by U.S. Customs officials, who have "taken over" Toto till payment for her entry into the country has been made.

AMERICANS JOIN TO GIVE 'PLANES

In order to provide a fund to which contributions toward the purchase of 'planes to aid the British and Allied air forces can lawfully be sent from the United States, a group of prominent Canadians and Americans in Canada have formed "Wings for Britain" at 215 St. James Street, West, Montreal, Canada.

Donations to the fund will be used for the purchase of 'planes, and arrangements have been made with the Minister of Aircraft Production that 'planes donated through the fund will bear the names of individuals, committee or states contributing to their purchase.

It is proposed that all contributions to the fund which are not earmarked by the donor shall be credited to the state from which the contribution came, and when the total reaches \$20,000, then the name of the state will be placed on the 'plane.

Already three Spitfires have been named "Wings for Britain," while the total contributions so far amount to over \$350,000.



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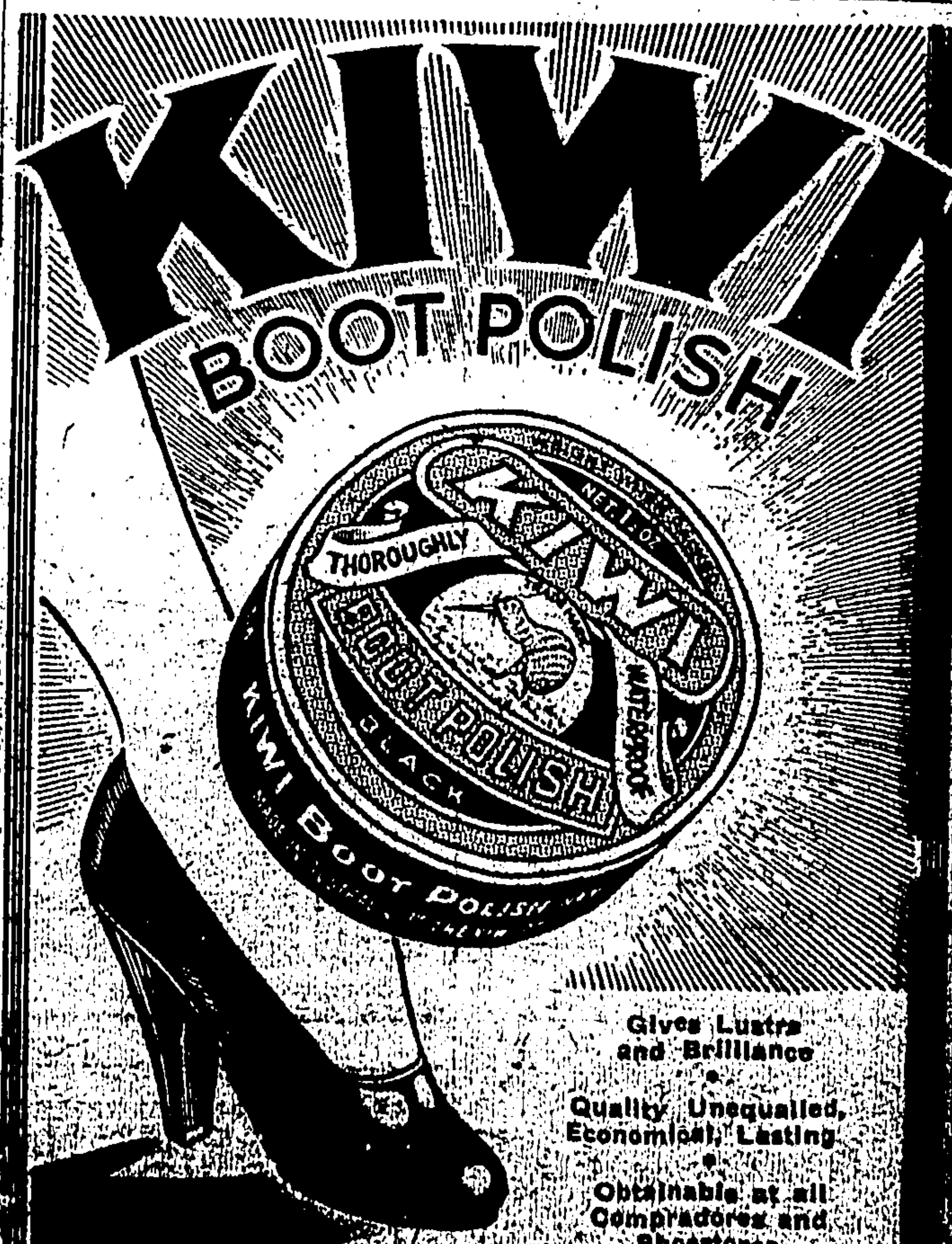
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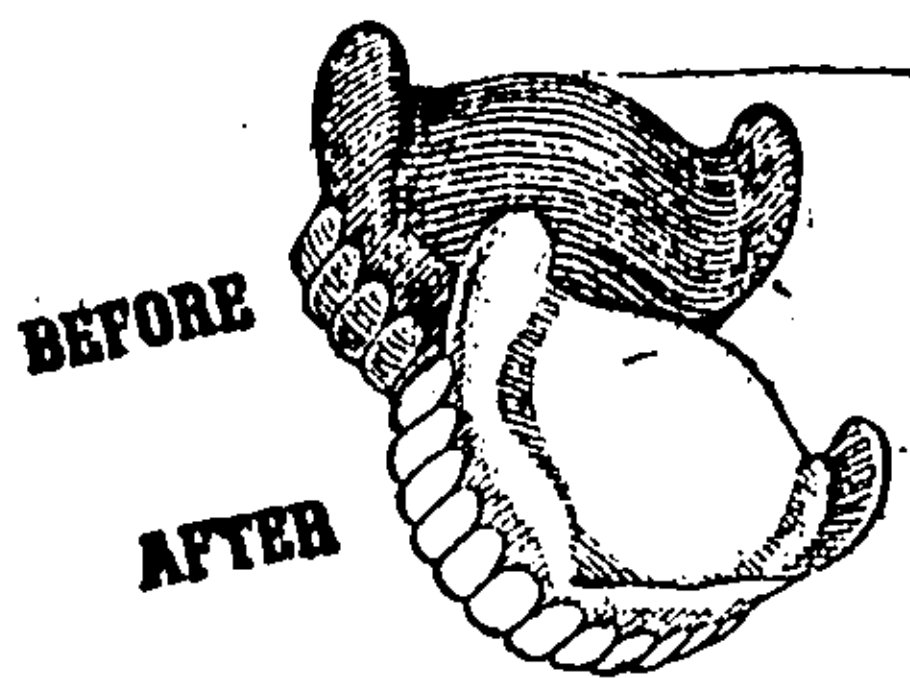
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"Both North and South are agreed that the bidding was bad—but they don't agree on where the error took place. Can you place the blame where it belongs?"

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Neither side vulnerable

NORTH		EAST	
♠ 7	♥ A K 10 7 5 2	♠ A Q J 7 3 2	♥ 5 4
♦ —	♣ A Q J 7 3 2	♦ —	♥ J 9 6 4
♠ Q 8 2	♥ 3	♠ 6 4	♥ J 8 7
♦ Q 9 6 5	♦ 4 3 2	♠ —	♣ K 10 8 5
♣ 6 4	♣ —	♠ —	♣ —

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	7NT	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	Redbl.	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

We think both North and South were at fault. North did not have a sound two-bid to begin with. Even if the King and Queen of clubs were exchanged, the North hand would not present an attractive two-bid. With half the deck missing and especially with such freakish distribution, North need not fear that an opening one-bid will be passed out.

After the opening two-bid, however, North made no further error. Some measure of responsibility for the disaster lies on South's shoulders for the turn the bidding took. South should have realised from his own hand, and from North's bidding, that his partner had at least twelve cards in hearts and clubs.

A contract of seven no-trump was therefore quite risky, especially if North had shaded high-card requirements because of the distribution. Six spades would have been a good contract; seven no-trump was just a gamble, and the redouble was sheer bravado.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ 5	♥ Q J 9 8 4 2
♦ 7	♣ K 10 9 8 3

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken Mator You
1NT Dbl. Pass (7)

ANSWER: Bid three hearts. This hand should produce a game either in hearts or in clubs, but your strength is so localised and so distributional that you may be unable to defeat one no-trump, particularly if your partner leads one of your short suits.

Score: 100% for three hearts, 80% for four hearts, 30% for pass, 20% for two hearts.

Question No. 736

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner, and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K 7 5	♥ 8 3 2
♦ 10 4	♣ K 9 8 5 3

The bidding:
Jacoby Burnstone Schenken You
1NT Dbl. Pass (7)

What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

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HURRICANE HOUSE

Breakfast in bed at ten o'clock in the morning and a long lie in a spring mattress bed sounds like a dream of home to R.A.F. air crews out in the dust and heat of the Western Desert. But it becomes a reality at "Hurricane House," the new R.A.F. rest house recently opened in Cairo.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore, C.-in-C. of Air Forces in the Middle East, instituted the rest house so that tired sergeant

pilots, observers and air gunners could be sent into Cairo for a month's rest after long periods of duty.

An R.A.F. officer in Cairo writes:

"This rest house is a grand idea. I visited it one morning recently and found two sergeants just getting up at half past ten to go out sightseeing after having had their breakfast in bed. They had been at Hurricane House a fortnight—the full period of rest is a month—and were full of praise for the new scheme.

"I thought there MUST be a snag when I heard about the idea," said a Yorkshire sergeant with typical Northern caution, "but this is a terrific—too good to be true almost."

The house stands in the main shopping thoroughfare of the city, and is ideally central for excursions and sightseeing tours. Dances are held once a week. "Colossal successes" these, and the rule of the house is "Do as you please."

The gardens around the house are planted with as much grass as possible, so that the green will be a restful change to eyes that have seen nothing but desert for weeks on end.

"I have never seen grass grow so quickly in my life," said one sergeant. "It was planted from seeds, and needed cutting in ten days!"

The rest house is to be expanded, as the improvement in the health of the guests in less than a month has shown the value of the scheme.

R.A.F. OFFICERS AS ACTORS

Never was there such a cast—the company of amateurs playing a revival of that three act thriller "The Trial of Mary Dugan" at a Royal Air Force officers' hospital in a West of England town.

Every command of the R.A.F. was represented among the actors, the majority of whom have been decorated for gallantry. The important part of the judge was taken by an American, whose home is in Chicago. He is now an officer in the R.A.F. and has been flying an American built aircraft from Coastal Command station. There was an international flavour about the performance for Australian, Canadian, New Zealand, South African, Polish and Czech officers all took some share.

Nurses, V.A.D.s and a W.A.A.F. squadron officer played the women's parts.

The orchestra was made up of officer patients; stage hands were officers, and members of the hospital staff.

Rehearsals had been in progress for a fortnight under the instruction of a Pilot Officer, who is a well known actor.

Such an ambitious production was made possible by the generous support of local residents to the entertainment and comfort fund of the hospital.

BOMB PREFERRED

A shepherd on a stretch of marshy land near a Coastal Command Station reported that a large German bomb had fallen in the fields some distance away, and had not exploded.

An officer and a corporal set off to inspect the bomb and to decide what action should be taken.

"We'll approach it singly," said the officer, "so that if one of us gets blown up, the other will know what has happened to him."

The corporal immediately volunteered to lead the way, but the officer would not hear of it. Just then they opened the gate of an intervening field, and the corporal peered round the hedge in the dusk.

"Excuse me, sir," he said, "But are those bulls?"

"I believe they are," said the corporal nervously, "You lead the way past the bulls, and I'll lead the way up to the bomb."

PILOTS AS SHEEP FARMERS

Rivalry appears to be developing between R.A.F. stations as to which can grow the most food.

The success of some Fighter Command stations with pigs, poultry and spring cabbages has already become famous.

Now bomber pilots have gone back to the land with gusto. At one station it was decided to acquire sheep instead of other livestock. The flock has been installed in wire enclosures round some of the defence works.

At the same station airmen are hard at work turning over an acre and a half of ground. The main crop is to be potatoes, but spring cabbage are to be grown as well.

At another station one of the airmen is a market gardener in civil life. He began work on spare ground last year and has already grown seven tons of potatoes. This winter he and his helpers have been busy bringing more land into cultivation. They hope to raise a crop of 40 tons.

Every stretch of coarse grass land, even to the smallest scrap of waste space, is being eagerly seized upon for the plough, or fork. Volunteers for the work are plentiful and enthusiastic. The acreage of rich brown well-tilled earth at the stations of Bomber Command has risen to formidable proportions during the last few weeks. Soon this will all be planted and turning from brown to green with young potatoes, cabbages, beetroot, peas and beans.

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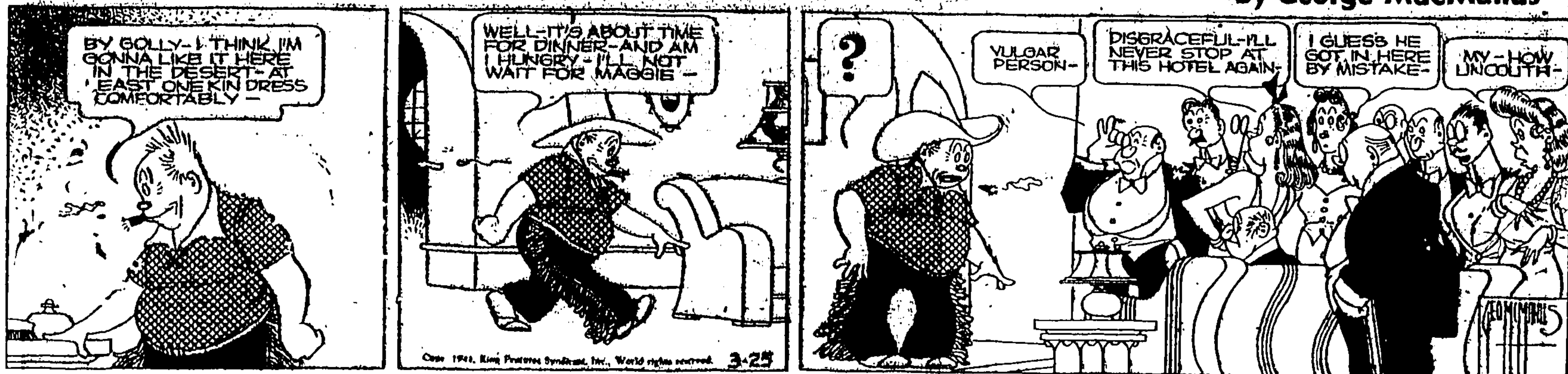
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The Greatest Talent Of All...

It is generally the business of a beauty page to be definite and to give recipes for making the most of your charm. An exercise for this, a treatment for that, a crisp word about good manners, and not whining.

But there is a kind of charm which is the most important of all for a woman who is to pass years of her life with someone else (relation, friend or husband), and there are no precise rules for it.

If Divorce Court news has ever caught your eye in the newspapers, you are familiar with the phrase "incompatibility of temperament."

It is one of the recognised reasons for divorce.

Perhaps really it is the only reason, for it is never the final catastrophe that is in itself unforgivable, but the friction or weariness that has gone before.

Let us, therefore, call this greatest home talent, this art of being good to live with, compatibility.

Being able to be silent at the right time is part of it.

It is a terrible irritation when a woman cannot stop interrupting work or thought or any concentration. There are times, too, when grief must have quiet.

On the other hand, when talk is wanted, you must have plenty to talk about.

You must know how to tell of the day's doings with a touch of liveliness, how to have fun discussing friends in common; and you should not be quite incapable of impersonal talk, of following your companion's speculations and ideas.

Small talk is even more necessary than greater talk. One can read good books on most subjects, but one cannot gossip alone.

Many companionships sag because, though the couple may like each other, and though they may be able to talk well to guests, they have nothing to say alone by the fireside.

It is often more necessary to talk about the boiler than about the universe, and a pleasant, amusing touch on the first subject may be a better gift than profundity on the second.

Having a different sense of humour is a formidable barrier.

Finding too often that the other person is not amused, too; finding the other person too often laughing at what moves you... these

things produce a greater sense of loneliness than does a difference in religion or politics.

In more serious matters agreement is not necessary, but respect is.

It has been said that there are two kinds of women, those who build up and those who knock down. Of course, you cannot really divide people into two kinds, but this is an interesting attempt.

Obviously, it is better to be a builder up. Most people are the better for more confidence.

Those who need taking down a peg can seldom take it profitably from their nearest and dearest. Consistent damping or chilling is intolerable in one's home.

Yet even here there is no hard and fast rule.

Being built-up loses some of its charm if it is so indiscriminate or automatic that one doubts the sense or the sincerity of the builder.

It is possible, too, to build someone up away from his true bent; to cheer him madly on along the wrong track.

And most of us have seen the tyranny of a woman who is immensely ambitious for an unworldly man.

It is not generally necessary to volunteer the unpleasant truth.

But sometimes somebody seriously demands it. Then you must give it and he or she must take it, even if it knocks something down.

Building up isn't just being a stooge; you've got to be a real person or you won't have anything to give. Disagreement can be stimulating and pleasant.

But if there is a general rule about this talent of living with another person it is this... you won't really know or understand or help anyone unless on the whole you make that person "feel good."

What Kind Of A Mind Is Yours?

As we grow older our minds— we hope—grow older with us.

The years bring what is known as mental maturity.

How can you tell whether you have it or not? By finding out how far you can plan ahead.

Of course, we recognise that a child does not plan ahead, and that some mature men and women are still children mentally because they go through life from day to day.

But you can generally assess yourself and friends on the basis of how they plan their lives.

If you have a twenty-year endowment policy, you have a twenty-year mind; if you have paid for a house that will do you for thirty years, you have a thirty-year mind.

But if you live in the kind of rush that is full of petty excitement and takes no account of the to-morrow that must come—then it's time you took yourself and your mind in hand and persuaded both to do a bit of growing up.

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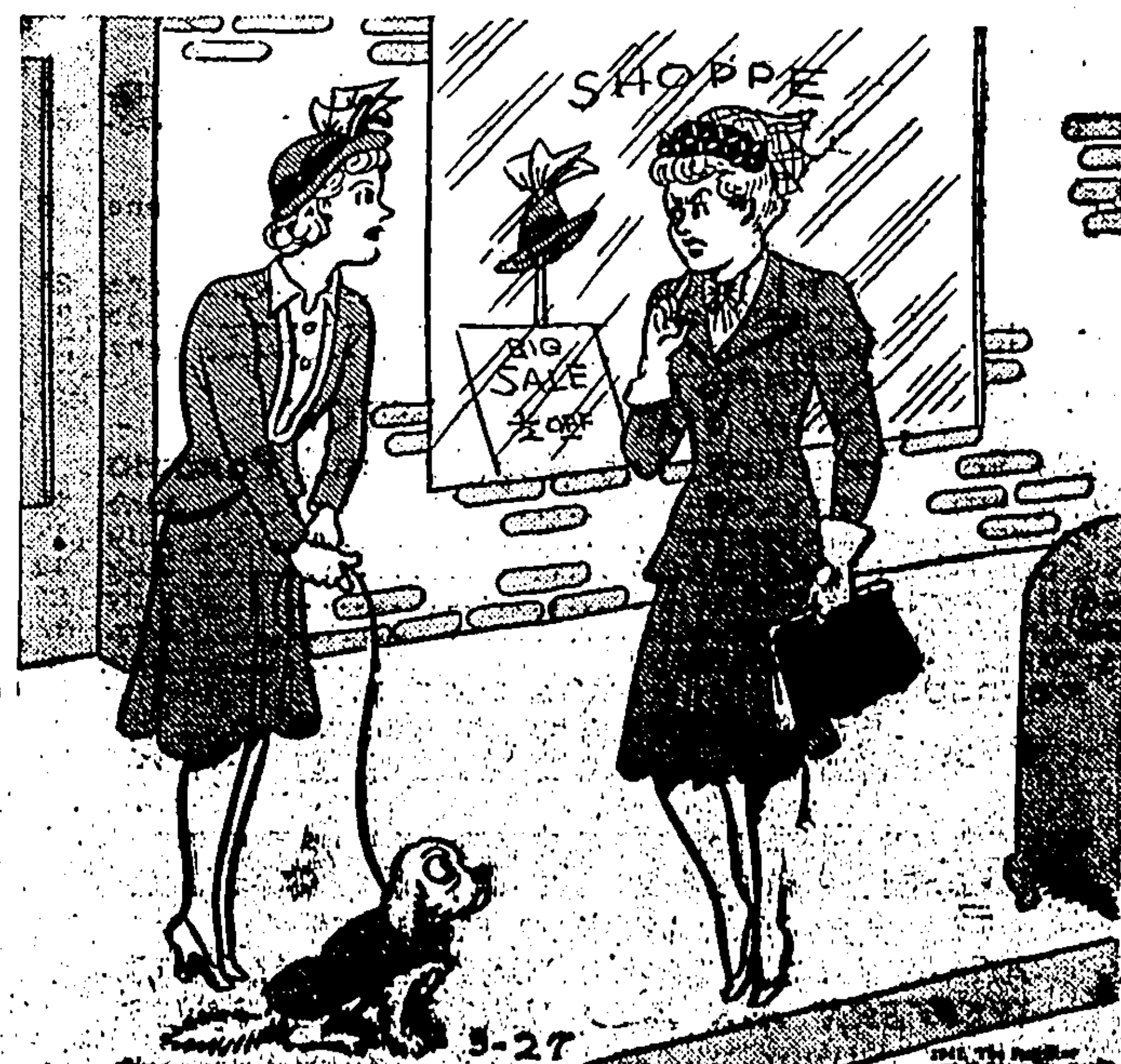
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1.02 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal—Cryin' my Heart out for You (Johnson & Hopkins); Lullaby (film "Let's Sing Again")... Kitty Masters with Orchestra. Orchestral—A Fete in Santa Lucia (Ferraris); Ragamuffin... Polka (Rixner)... Mantovani & his Tipica Orchestra. Vocal—"The Wizard of Oz"—Selection... Steffani & his Silver Songsters. Piano—In the middle of a Kiss (film "The Clock Strikes Eight"); You're All I Need (film "Escapade")... Patricia Rossborough. Vocal—She's the Wealthiest Woman on Earth (Godfrey)... Kitty Masters with Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—The Review of Revues. Debroy Somers Band with Vocal Chorus by Dan Donovan.

2.02 p.m.—Quentin Maclean at the Organ.
Lily of Laguna (Stuart). Little Dolly Daydream (Stuart). Edward German Selection—Intro.: Country Dance—Nell Gwyn; Morris Dance; All for a Green Ribbon—Tom Jones; Yeomen of England—Merrie England; It's a Pressing Invitation—Princess of Kensington; Country Dance—Merrie England; Waltz Song—Tom Jones; Four Jolly Sailormen—Princess of Kensington; Merry-makers Dance—Nell Gwyn.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Auber—"Masaniello" Overture. The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Adrian Boult.

6.41 p.m.—Delius—Brigg Fair. London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Geoffrey Toye.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—Special Broadcast to the British Forces in the Far East.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Programme Summary & Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Albert Sandler's Trio and Orchestra.

The Fairies Gavotte (Kohn); Rosa Mia (Gulzar & others)... Albert Sandler & his Orchestra. All the Things you are (Kern); Autumn Serenade (Morgan)... Albert Sandler's Trio. The Land of Smiles—You are my Heart's Delight (Lehar); The Land of Smiles—Patently Smiling (Lehar)... Albert Sandler & his Orchestra. Rhapsody of Strauss Waltzes (arr. Kern)... Albert Sandler's Trio. Indiana Sweetheart (Hansen)... Albert Sandler & his Orchestra.

8.30 p.m.—A Hill Billy Programme.

I'm an old cow-hand from the Rio Grande... The Rocky Mountaineers accomp. by The Bunk House Boys. There's a Ranch in the Rockies (Flo Rito & others)... Carson Robison & his Pioneers. Texas Dan (Robison)... Carson Robison (Vocal) with Guitar accomp. Cowboy's Home in Heaven (Robison)... Carson Robison & his Pioneers. All Set and Saddled (Morton); The Oregon Trail (Hill & de Rose)... Tex Morton (The Yodelling Boundary Rider) with his Guitar. Rollin' Plains (film "Rollin' Plains"); Goin' Down to Santa Fe Town (Masey & Mable)... Big Bill Campbell & his Hill Billy Band. The West ain't what it used to be (Robison)... Carson Robison & his Pioneers.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—A Short Programme of the Music of Kaiman.
"Countess Maritza"—Selection... Marek Weber & his Orchestra. Gipsy Princess—Waltz... Alfredo & his Orchestra.

9.28 p.m.—Local Sports Results.

9.31 p.m.—Light French Songs by Lucienne Boyer and Jean Sablon.

D'Amour en Amour—Melodie (Lelievre-Delettre); La Voyageuse—Chanson (Aubert-Delettre)... Lucienne Boyer with Orchestra. Je Tire ma Reverence (Bastia); Sur le Pont d'Avignon (arr. Wal-Berg)... Jean Sablon with Orchestra.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano.

Piano Medley No. 16—Intro: Rose Marie; Indian Love Call; The Girl Friend; Tea for Two; Why Do I Love You?; I Want to be Happy.

Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 14—Intro: Lights Out; I Never Realised; Love is a Dancing Thing.

Kunz Revivals No. 19—Intro: I'll see you again; The Desert Song; My Hero; The Merry Widow; Love will find a way; The Blue Danube.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Music Hall".

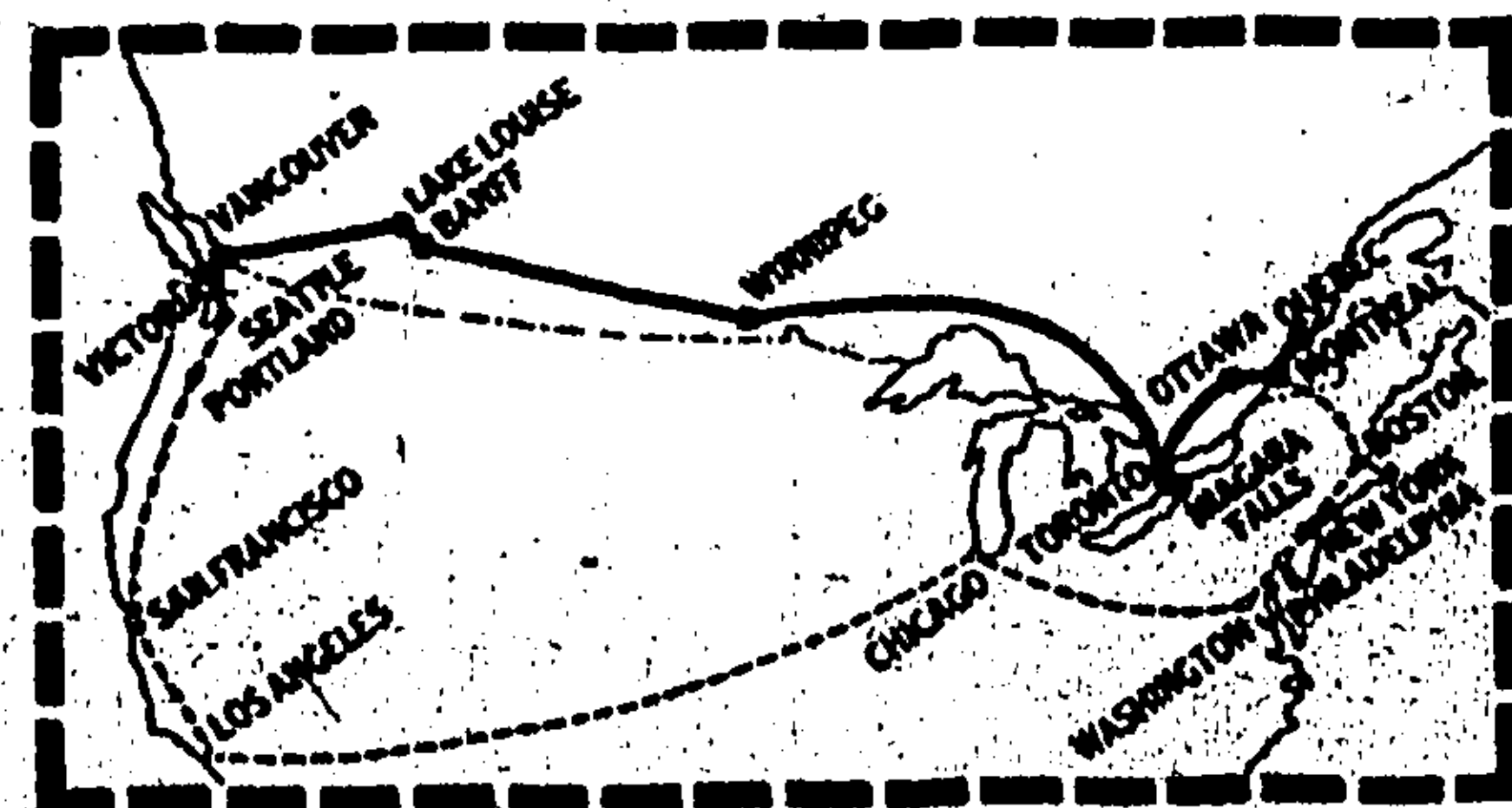
11.00 p.m.—New Dance Records.

Fox-Trots—Toy Piano Minuet; The Wise Old Owl... Joe Reichman & his Orchestra. Tangos—El Pillo; Tucuman... Juan d'Arienzo y su Orquesta Tipica. Quick-Step—Let the Bands Play; Fox-Trot—Sierra Sue... Billy Cotton & his Band. Waltzes—Every Time I Look at You; Waltzing in the Clouds (film "Spring Parade")... Joe Loss & his Orchestra. Conga—Cuba... Enric Madruguera & his Orchestra. Fox-Trots—There'll Come Another Day; I'll never make the same mistake again... Billy Cotton & his Band. Polkas—Laughing Polka; Petruschka... Dallape Harmonica Orchestra. Fox-Trots—We Three; Two Dreams Met (film "Down Argentine Way")... Tommy Dorsey & his Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Southern Fried; Missouri Scrambler... Joe Loss & his Orchestra. Waltzes—Wonderful One; Alice Blue Gown (film "Irene")... Glenn Miller & his Orchestra.

12 Midnight.—Close down.

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HONG KONG.
Friday, 6th June, 1941.

1. RECRUITS' MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Fri. 13th June, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Orderly Medical Officer—Lieut. A.M. Rodrigues.

2. LECTURE

Tues. 17th June, No. 1 Lecture Room, H.Q. 5.45 p.m. Lecture by G.I.I. H.Q. C.C. All Officers not on half-day training will attend. Dress—Muff.

3. KING'S BIRTHDAY PARADE

(a) Thurs. 12th June. St. John's Place—Corps Artillery, Field Coy. Engineers, Corps Signals, Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Coys. H.Q. Parade Ground—All other units.

Units—parade as detailed from 0600 hrs. for drawing and cleaning rifles. 0640 hrs. Right markers. 0645 hrs. Fall in on parade grounds as above.

(b) Practice

Mon. 9th June—Corps Artillery, Fd. Coy. Engrs., A.S.C. Company and Fd. Ambulance.

Tues. 10th June—All other units—Units parade at H.Q. from 1715 hrs. for drawing and cleaning rifles. 1740 hrs. Right markers. 1745 hrs. Fall in on Murray Parade Ground.

(c) Dress for all Parades

Helmets, shirts, shorts, boots, puttees, hosiery (Corps Artillery less hosiery; puttees rolled down) web belts and frogs, slings to be brought (Fd. Ambulance less frogs and slings. D/Rs. Corps Signals as detailed by O.C. Corps Signals).

4. RESIGNATION OF OFFICERS

Extracts from Government Gazette No. 32 of the 30.5.41.

(a) "651—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve that Captain FRANCISCO PAULO SEQUEIRA be allowed to resign his commission in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps with effect from 23rd May, 1941. 26th May, 1941."

(b) "652—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve that Lieutenant THOMAS PARKINSON be allowed to resign his commission in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from 31st May, 1941. 30th May, 1941."

5. PROMOTION EXAMINATION RESULTS

The following members of No. 3 Company passed a Promotion Examination to Corporal on 16.5.41.

L/Cpl. R. Ma.
L/Cpl. M. S. Lau.

6. PARADES

(a) CORPS ARTILLERY

i. Specialists Classification

The under-mentioned N.C.O.'s and men of 4th Battery have qualified as S.L.O. Class II. Bdr. A. Smith, Gnr. K. M. Lo, Gnr. J. Wan, Gnr. W.K. Chung, Gnr. P. K. Chan, Gnr. J. W. Reeves, Gnr. W. C. Chung and Gnr. W. L. Chung.

ii. Instructional Course

The following have been selected to take a Search Light Operator's Course.

Gnr. R. Englebrecht, 1st Bty., Gnr. B. Pascoe, 1st Bty., Gnr. V. G. H. Upton, 2nd Bty., Gnr. C. Arnulphy, 2nd Bty., Bdr. R. S. Capell, 3rd Bty., L/Bdr. H. K. Chan, 3rd Bty., Bdr. E. Ali, 4th Bty., Gnr. J. W. Reeves, 4th Bty. Programme—H.Q. 2.30 p.m. Every Tuesday commencing June 17th. Dress as for half-day training.

Note.—During the period of the course these men will not attend with their own batteries for half-day training.

iii. Specialists' Examination

Tues. 10th June, 9 a.m. R.A.O.C. Depot, Queen's Road. Electrician's Test (Report to S. M. Neal).

L/Bdr. Bickingham, 1st Bty.

L/Bdr. Zeitzeff, 1st Bty.

Sgt. Brown, 4th Bty.

iv. King's Birthday Parade

All Batteries. Those detailed in accordance para. 3 above. Battery parade times 9th June 5.20 p.m., 12th June 6.15 a.m.

v. 1st Battery

Tues. 10th June, H.Q. 2 p.m. 2 p.m. All Secs. Training at D'Aguiar. D.E.L. to Wellington Bks. and proceed to D'Aguiar at 4.30 p.m.

vi. 4th Battery

Tues. 10th June, H.Q. 2.15 p.m. All Secs. General Battery drill and instruction. Dress as usual.

Orderly Sgt. for the week—Sgt. H. W. Brown.

Next for Duty—Sgt. W. M. Gittins.

vii. 5th A.A. Battery

Tues. 10th June, H.Q. 2.30 p.m. No. 1 Sec. half-day training at Saiwan. Dress as ordered.

(b) FIELD COMPANY

ENGINEERS

Mon. 9th June, Murray Parade Ground. 5.15 p.m. Practice parade for King's Birthday.

Thurs. 12th June, St. John's Place. Garden Road. 6.15 a.m. King's Birthday Parade. Dress as laid down above. Helmet (chin straps down). Rifles and bayonets will be issued under Company arrangements.

(c) CORPS SIGNALS

Tues. 10th June, H.Q. 5.15 p.m. As detailed. Rifle slings.

Wed. 11th June, H.Q. 2 p.m.

(i) M/T Training. (ii) Signal exercise. (iii) W/T Exercise. (iv) Dress-Overalls, S. D. Caps, Webbing belts.

Thurs. 12th June, H.Q. 6.15 p.m. King's Birthday Parade. Those detailed.

Fri. 13th June, (i) W/T Ct. will report to Govt. Trade School. (ii) evening parade except as detailed.

(d) MOBILE COLUMN

Wed. 11th June, (i) Nos. 1, 2 & 5 Pns. H.Q. 2.30 p.m. Kit Inspection. Completion of V.M.G. T.O.E.T. & L.M.G. training. (ii) Nos. 3 & 4 Pns. Hung Hom. 2.30 p.m. Kit Inspection and Practice for M/C M. G. Escort. (iii) Dress—All Pns. Shorts, shirt-sleeves, black boots, puttees, hose-tops, web belt, holster, lanyard, leather pouch and R.T.R. caps.

Thurs. 12th June, (i) Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 4 Pns. King's Birthday Parade and Escort. Those detailed. Details later. (ii) Dress as for 11th June.

Fri. 13th June, (i) Nos. 1 and 2 Pns. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. Revolver Course at Kennedy Road Range. Range Officer—Lt. Hamilton. Dress as previously ordered with web belts, lanyards, holsters and leather pouches. (ii) Nos. 3, 4 & 5 Pns. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Advanced Map Reading and Message writing. Dress as previously ordered.

(e) NO. 1 COMPANY

Mon. 9th June, Star Ferry Kowloon, 2.30 p.m. Half day parade. Those detailed parade at H.Q. at 1.50 p.m. Helmet, Rifle slings to be brought.

Tues. 10th June, Practice parade for King's Birthday. H.Q. Staff parade 4.45 p.m. Those detailed parade at Company store at 5.15 p.m. For dress see Company notice board. Sgt. Carter report to R.S.M. at Murray Parade Ground at 5.40 p.m.

Thurs. 12th June, King's Birthday Parade. H.Q. Staff parade 6 a.m. Company parade, those detailed, 6.30 a.m. Dress—See Company notice board. 6.40 a.m. Sgt. Carter report to Corps A.S.M. at St. John's Place Parade Ground.

Fri. 13th June, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Weapon training.

(f) NO. 2 COMPANY

Tues. 10th June, Murray Parade Ground. 5.15 p.m. Those detailed for King's Birthday Practice Parade.

Wed. 11th June, No parade. Thurs. 12th June, H.Q. 6 a.m. Those detailed for King's Birthday parade.

Fri. 13th June, H.Q. 2 p.m. Company Parade. Dress—Battle Order.

(g) NO. 3 COMPANY

Mon. 9th June, Those detailed. H.Q. 1.45 p.m.; Remainder, Kowloon Railway Stn. 2 p.m. Dress as before.

Tues. 10th June, H.Q. 5.15 p.m. Those detailed. Dress—Helmets, shirts, shorts, boots, puttees, belts, slings, frogs.

Wed. 11th June, H.Q. 4.15 p.m. Those detailed.

(h) No. 4 Company
Mon. 9th June, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed.

Tues. 10th June, H.Q. 5.15 p.m. Those detailed. King's Birthday Practice Parade.

Thurs. 12th June, H.Q. 6 p.m. Those detailed. King's Birthday parade.

Fri. 13th June, Murray Parade Ground, 5.15 p.m. Those detailed.

(i) No. 5 Company.
Mon. 9th June, H.Q. 2 p.m. Dress as before.

Tues. 10th June and Thurs. 12th June, Those detailed for King's Birthday Parade will dress and parade as per Company's Circular.

Fri. 13th June, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Rifle instructions (Revision). 1st Period: (a) Parts. (b) Mechanism. (c) Care points B.D.A. 2nd Period: (d) Effects of light, wind and rain. (e) effects of alterations of elevations at different ranges. (f) the 303 round.

(j) No. 6 Company.
Tues. 10th June and Thurs. 12th June, Those detailed for King's Birthday Parade will dress and parade as per Company's Circular.

Tues. 10th June, Remainder parade at H.Q. 5.15 p.m. Belts, frogs, helmets and slings must be brought.

Fri. 13th June, H.Q. 2 p.m. Dress as before.

(k) No. 7 Company
Mon. 9th June, H.Q. 5.45 p.m. No. 28 Pl. L.L. Instruction. Maintenance of engine. No. 28 Pl. L.C. Instruction. Elementary handling.

Tues. 10th June, H.Q. 5.15 p.m. Practice parade for King's Birthday. Dress as detailed.

Thurs. 12th June, H.Q. 6.30 a.m. King's Birthday Parade. Right Marker Sgt. Fasciato to report to R.S.M. at 6.40 a.m. Dress as detailed.

Fri. 13th June, H.Q. 2 p.m. Company training parade.

(l) Army Service Corps Company

Mon. 9th June to Sat. 14th June (Except Thurs). Supply and Transport Sections. Daily duties as ordered. Dress as before. Duty Officers as arranged.

Mon. 9th June, H.Q. Parade Ground. 5.15 p.m. Practice Parade. Those detailed (Compulsory attendance). Dress—Helmets (Chin straps down) shirts, shorts, web belt, frogs, boots and puttees. Rifles and bayonets will be issued. Duty Officer—Capt. R. R. Davies.

Thurs. 12th June, H.Q. Parade Ground. 6.30 a.m. King's Birthday Parade. Those detailed (Compulsory attendance). Dress—Same as Practice Parade. Rifles and bayonets will be issued. Capt. F. Filippance in Command. No evening parade on this date.

Sun. 29th June, All day exercise. Details later.

(m) Field Ambulance
Mon. 9th June, Those detailed for King's Birthday Parade 5.15 p.m. All the rest of the unit who have not been issued with sun helmets will parade at 5 p.m. under C.Q.M.S. Leigh.

Wed. 11th June, No parade. Thurs. 12th June, Those detailed for King's Birthday Parade 6.30 a.m.

(n) Pay Section
Thurs. 12th June, Command H.Q. Sub-Section I. Dress—Uniform.

Fri. 13th June, Command H.Q. Sub-Section II. Dress—Uniform. Mon. 16th June, Vol. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Dress—Muff.

(o) Fortress Signal Company.
Wed. 11th June, Exchange Building. 2.30 p.m. Manning training as detailed.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

2226. A/Sgt. W. R. Brumwell, No. 7 Coy., to be C.Q.M.S. 6.6.41; 2816. C.Q.M.S. D. McColgan, No. 7 Coy., to be Sgt., 6.6.41; 2995. Pte. K. C. Chan, No. 4 Coy., to be L/Cpl., 5.6.41; 2997. Pte. K. F. Wong, No. 4 Coy., to be L/Cpl., 5.6.41.

TRANSFERS

2817. Pte. H. Smith, from No. 2 Coy. to 5th A.A. Bty., 30.5.41; 3155. Gnr. J. W. Yu, from 3rd Bty. to Corps, H.Q., 3.6.41; 4658. Gnr. J. Lai, from 4th Bty. to Corps H.Q., 3.6.41; 3792. Bdr. A. Smith, from 4th Bty. to 3rd Bty., 14.6.41.

STRENGTH DECREASE

4567. Gnr. S. K. Lam, 3rd Bty., 26.5.41; DR65. Pte. J. J. Edgar, A.S.C. Coy., 27.5.41; 3657. Sgt. E. A. R. Fowles, A.S.C. Coy., 31.5.41.

INCREASE INCREASE

4858. Pte. G. C. Hamilton, No. 1 Coy., 23.5.41; 4859. Pte. G. T. Rowe, No. 1 Coy., 23.5.41; 4860. Pte. G. M. Mackenzie, No. 3 Coy., 24.5.41.

E. N. THURSBY, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

NOTICE

Canteen & Lecture Rooms
As from Mon. 9th June, new Lecture Rooms and Canteen etc. will be open as under:—(a) No. 1 Lecture Room—Top Floor of new wing at H.Q.; No. 2 Lecture Room—Hut No. 4, St. John's Place. (b) Main Canteen—Ground floor of new wing at H.Q.; Reading Room—Top floor of new wing at H.Q.

The Reading Room will be open at normal Canteen hours (except from 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. when it is booked as No. 1 Lecture Room). Indoor games and evening papers will be available and drinks will be served. It is hoped that members of the Corps will use this room to relieve congestion in the Main Canteen after parades.

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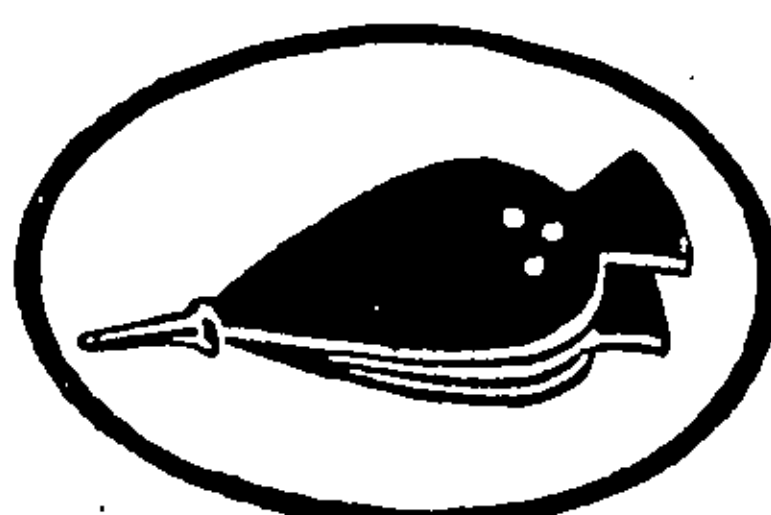
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For the opening game, the Mighty Macers of U.S.S. Mindinao come to grips with the Hong Kong Brewers' stream-lined swashbuckling band of lusty ball thumpers in a champions v runners-up contest. To-morrow, the Hong Kong Baseballers tangle with U.S.S. Asheville at 10.00 a.m., whilst South China tackle the Royal Engineers in the afternoon at 3.00 o'clock.

For the second time in succession, the bruising Brewers and the merry Mindinaoans face each other in the 'opening day' diamond classic—the latter snatched the game out of the fire in the last frame in that memorable game a year ago, when Red Keplinger hurled the Minnies to victory.

To-day the responsibility of the game falls on the husky shoulders of Ski Powlawski, who is down to toss the opener with Tony Muscavage working in harness behind the batter. Batters who have faced the Pulversing Polack are still dizzy from his curves and blinding speed, and facing him again is just about on a par with a trip to the dentist! Bob Strahl will be holding first base, with Muddy Ruel at second, and Bowersox at the hot corner. Moore will be filling up the shortstop gap. Outfield ball-hawks, all set to snare anything that comes their way, will be fleet-footed Willie Wilson at left, M. M. Wilson at centre and Vaughn at right.

Outstanding Weakness

Although the team-wrecking crew of Henry Ruel, Ski Powlawski and Tony Muscavage is still intact, their weakness at the initial catchel stands out like a sore thumb, for a replacement for Cecil "Horse-face" Douglas has not yet been produced, and will not be produced for some time, for the ole "Seabiscuit" could cover more ground than a circus tent, and has a pair of scoop shovels for hands. Meanwhile Robert Strahl is attempting to make a job of it.

The Brewers' best bet to put up a swell defence to Madeen "Slim" Arculli's mound wizardry, is their smooth-working infield, the pride and joy of brain-trust Dave Leonard.

Full of the flame and fire, which characterized the old Gashouse Gang, the Brewers are all out to take this one to avenge last year's defeat, and are given more than an outside chance of taking this tilt, for patience, support and a firm hope are about to cash in.

The initial station will be taken care of by Stan "Powerhouse" Leonard, whilst Tony "Peewee" Alvers, who has earned a permanent berth in the team, is down to team with short-stop George Souza around the keystone. At third base, Dave the super slugger will be at work. Hank Ali will patrol the left pastures, with Baby Abbas and Cyclone Bakar in the centre and right patches.

Asheville Should Do Well

Taking over the Tulsa schedule, the U.S.S. Asheville lock horns with Chuck Waggoner's Hong Kong Baseballers, to-morrow morning.

Featuring their "me an' you" battery of Lefty Crumm and Tony

Groverdale, the Mighty "A" proved rather disappointing last Sabbath, when they were humiliated 10-1 by the Hong Kong Brewers, but in spite of this, should be able to give the Waggonermen a good run for their money. Langford, "Woo-woo" Watkins, Rhodes, Dago Digiacoimo will probably start in the infield, with Cotter, Reis and Kramer in the cow pastures.

Bernie Johnson will probably toe the rubber for the Baseballers with master-minder Waggoner himself receiving. Larry Lawrence, Eric Hamelin, Johnnie Schaberg and Waller will be the guardians of the base-paths.

In the afternoon, South China cross bats with the Royal Engineers.

In spite of his sudden crack up last week, Kenny Moy will probably get the nod for this tilt. Kenny has a lot of moxie in the old arm, and is being coached by papa Ernie Moy, who proved that he has a few strikes left in the old soup-bone last week.

The Caroline Hill infield quartet of Tommy Chan, Texas Ng, Wally Ching and Nip Lum is pretty definite, but there is still a lot of room for improvement in the gardening department.

Although the odds are slightly in favour of the Nam Hwamen taking this tussle, the Sappers will be in there as usual, full of pep-py fight till the last putout.

From their pitching staff of Flash Radcliffe, Heath and Sarsfield, the latter will probably draw the pitching assignment for this scuffle, with Fox hindsnatching.

TO-DAY, 3.00 P.M.

U.S.S. Mindinao v H.K. Brewers (Champions 1940) (Runners-up 1940) (Umpires:—Grandpa Leung, Chuck Waggoner and Bill Woo).

TO-MORROW, 10.00 A.M.

H.K. Baseballers v U.S.S. Asheville (Grandpa Leung, Nick Beltrac and Bill Chang).

2.30 P.M.

South China v Royal Engineers (Powlawski, Johnnie Schaberg and Chuck Waggoner).

INTERESTING SUMMARY OF MAX SCHMELING'S CAREER

IN VIEW OF THE recent report that Max Schmeling, former heavyweight champion of the world, had been killed in the fighting in Crete, the following summary of his career will prove of interest to followers of boxing:—

Schmeling won the heavyweight crown by defeating Jack Sharkey in 1930, only to lose the title in a return match two years later. However, the greatest feat of Schmeling's career was his defeat of Joe Louis in 1936. Still again his comeback hopes were shattered when Louis knocked out the German two years later in the first round.

Schmeling, who was born on September 22, 1905, in Klein Luchow near Prenzlau, was the son of an officer of the merchant marine. He started his sporting activities as a wrestler, but did not achieve much success in this sport and he soon changed to soccer.

In 1923 he entered amateur boxing and a year later was runner-up at the German championship tournament. At that time he decided to become a professional boxer. In quick succession he won his first eight fights as a professional and in 1927 he beat Delargo then European light-heavyweight champion in the fourteenth round by a technical knockout.

His next fight was against Bouaglia, whom he beat in January 1928, in 2½ minutes. Then followed his defeat by Gypsy Daniels which temporarily checked his rise. That was his first defeat since he started as a professional.

First Heavies Fight

Three months later he defeated the German heavyweight champion, Franz Diener, on points. It was Schmeling's first heavyweight fight.

This fight brought him the German heavyweight title. He lost the title, however, a month later through default.

He sailed for the United States in November, 1928. Joe Monte was his first opponent on American soil. He beat him in the Madison Square Garden on points. Then he defeated in quick succession Joe Sekyra, Corri, Johnny Risko and in a dramatic fight, the Spaniard Paulino Uzcudun. On June 12, 1930, he met Jack Sharkey for the world heavyweight title. Sharkey, who had won the first three rounds struck a low punch in the fourth round and was disqualified. Schmeling thus was declared the world champion. One year later he defeated Young Stribling by a technical knockout.

In June 1932 he met Sharkey again. The ex-Boston sailor won the decision and the championship.

Three months after Schmeling lost the title he defeated Mickey Walker but lost soon afterward

to Max Baer and Steve Hamas. He also fought a draw with Paulino.

After these two defeats he worked on his comeback. His first opponent in a series of European fights was the German, Walter Neusel, champion of the British empire whom he knocked out. Again he met Paulino, this time gaining the decision. Steve Hamas was the next to be defeated by a knockout in Hamburg.

Beat Louis

Probably the high point of Max Schmeling's career was his defeat of Joe Louis in 1936. Nobody, not even in Germany, conceded him the slightest chance against the Brown Bomber. But still he defeated Louis in the 12th round by a knockout. The winner of the first Schmeling-Louis fight was supposed to meet James Braddock for the championship. Schmeling came to the United States to meet Braddock twice. The first time Braddock had a sore hand. The second time Braddock refused to meet Schmeling because of a better cash offer for a fight with Joe Louis, who, by the defeat of Braddock, was world champion. The German press at the time said that Schmeling would break the old belief that "they never come back." He did not break it.

German Millionaire

Although Schmeling declared after the fight that he would seek a return engagement with Louis, experts considered his active boxing career to have come to an end.

By his fights and as a motion picture actor Schmeling made a fortune and he kept it. He was considered a millionaire in Germany.

Besides a villa in Berlin he had a farm in Pomerania, where he spent much time hunting.

He married Anny Ondra, German motion picture actress, in 1933.

Max Schmeling's contemporaries in the boxing world had only nice things to say about him when they heard that the former world heavyweight champion had been killed in the battle of Crete.

Jack Dempsey said: "He was a great fighter and a great fellow. He told me, once privately that he was not really in favour of the Nazis. We were good friends. I met him many years before in Germany when I was on a tour long before America ever heard of him."

Another former champion, Max Baer, in a statement in Sacramento, Cal., said: "I think Schmeling hated war. He probably did not want to fight, but Hitler used him."

WOPS CATCH MAN WHO WASN'T THERE!

BEST WOP story to reach us this war is the official Italian News Agency claim to have taken prisoner "the football champion Bastin" from a shot-down Wellington bomber over Tirana, writes L. V. Manning.

Bastin, rejected for military service through ear trouble, is a full-time A.R.P. warden. He plays for Arsenal.

I am able to reveal the inside story of this leg-pull.

Approaching an American journalist, also claimed by the Italians to have been taken off the plane, a Wop officer, pointing to the rear gunner, said: "Game al chiana?" (What is his name?)

The American, furious over the newspaper story of the flight having come ashore, shifted his gun

and hissed at his captor a term sometimes used by Shakespeare, and often by sailors' parrots, to convey his general opinion of Musso's mutts.

The Wop thought he said, "Bastin" and—well, that's my story.

Those who remember what other Arsenal player did to the Wop killers in the infamous Italian match at Highbury, 1934, will be relieved to know the Wop didn't think "the American" said "Copping."

DICKENS SAW HIM PLAY

George Remnant, oldest ex-county cricketer in the country, who first taught Lord Harris how to play the game, died at Harrow, aged 95.

He played for Kent in the 60's, and was a great friend of Charles Dickens.

His favourite story was how, while playing at Gadshill, he drove a ball which landed in a bog cart where the Dickens children were sitting.

The boy, who was named after the wicket, and stopped before it crashed into a hedge.

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YET ANOTHER BIG BOWLS MATCH SET FOR TO-DAY

C.C.C. Should Beat K.B.G.C. 'A'

Test For K. Tong In Second Division

By "Lead"

Another big senior match features to-day's lawn bowls programme and interest will be centred on the fixture between K.B.G.C. "A", who last week lowered the colours of Recreio "A", and Craigen-gower, who in the first match of the season, lost to the Champions by only one shot.

K.B.G.C. are not changing a winning combination and their team this week will be the same as it was against Recreio. Craigen-gower, also, will be at full strength and I anticipate a great struggle with the decision going to the visitors by a small margin on account of their somewhat better balance and the fact that their links have had more experience together.

K.B.G.C. "B" did not impress very much last week and were given a rare run for their money by Civil Service, consequently I don't expect them to worry the Champions unduly, especially as the return of Johnnie Ribeiro from Shanghai, has enabled Recreio to revert more or less to their match-winning combination of last year.

K.C.C. will have to show considerable improvement on their recent form to get the better of Recreio "B", and Kowloon Docks, fresh from their first success on Sunday, are likely to find Police too much for them. I.R.C., on their own ground, should not have very much trouble against Civil Service.

Leaders Should Win

In Second Division, the leaders, Kowloon Tong and K.F.C., should both win but whereas the latter team should not encounter very much trouble in their match against Recreio, the suburbanites will not be able to take chances against the erstwhile senior H.K.F.C.

THESE COMPTONS--

Herbert Chapman, former Arsenal manager, caught the chill which caused his death on one of his long, lone talent hunts, writes a Correspondent from London. Yet, all the time, one of his best bargains was on his own Finchley doorstep.

The Comptons, I believe, cost him only a modest club donation. Indeed, it was all so absurdly easy I always thought the great Herbert never quite appreciated the full extent of his astonishing luck.

He thought Denis would rise to the top, but not Leslie, whom he believed was a better cricketer than Denis.

It worked out with Denis a first choice England Test batsman but a second choice Arsenal winger. And Leslie for years hidden away as a stand-in to Male and Hapgood, yet so good he caught the eyes of England's selectors.

In the slower-paced, less vigorous, wartime game, Denis made the England team, and full-back Leslie hit the highspots as a goal-getter centre-forward.

Now here's Leslie equalising ten-goal Payne's Luton record. Goals are cheaper now than when Joe staggered the League world on April 13, 1938, but still an achievement.

But even now they have not found Leslie's best position. If Herbert Chapman had made him a centre-half, he would have been in the Roberts-Young-Cullis class.

BOWLS SWEEP DRAW

Following is the draw for the Lawn Bowls Sweep:

FIRST DIVISION	
K.B.G.C. "B" (886)	Recreio "A" (802)
K.B.G.C. "A" (98)	C.C.C. (209)
Recreio "B" (550)	K.C.C. (937)
K.D.R.C. (35)	P.R.C. (1078)
I.R.C. (723)	C.S.C.C. (403)
SECOND DIVISION	
C.C.C. (67)	Recreio (260)
H.K.C.C. (1036)	Talkoo R.C. (315)
H.K.F.C. (691)	K.T.G.C.A. (643)
K.C.C. (140)	C.C.C. (624)
Bye: P.O.C. (264)	
THIRD DIVISION	
C.C.C. (263)	H.K.C.C. (41)
H.K.E.R.C. (544)	K.B.G.C. (563)
Recreio (117)	K.F.C. (66)
P.R.C. (176)	H.K.F.C. (243)
Bye: I.R.C. (409)	

Talkoo, who seem to have found their best form, should beat Cricket Club, who will have Frank Goodwin out again, while Craigen-gower, whom I expect to be well up in the table at the end of the season, should account for K.C.C., although the latter team are capable of causing an upset.

The Third Division programme does not look particularly interesting, and wins should be recorded by C.C.C., K.B.G.C., K.F.C. and Police, although the latter are certain to have a hard fight against the League-leading Football Club.

TO-MORROW'S MATCHES

In a match postponed from last week, Indian Recreation Club will be at home to Kowloon Docks tomorrow and should win comfortably.

Craigen-gower will also be at home to K.F.C., while Recreio will meet Craigen-gower in Third Division.

CHARITY SWIMMING GALA

A three-day swimming gala organised by the Hong Kong and Kowloon Tenants Union Club began last night. Proceeds are in aid of the Bomber Fund, British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China, Free Schools and Free Medical Services.

The Chinese National record for the women's 100 metres backstroke was broken by Miss Sai Wa-ying, of Chinese Bathing Club, who clocked 1:36 1-5.

Results:
150 metres relay:—1, Sing Tao (Wong Chi-hung, Ng Nin, Li Fook-ki, Shek Kan-pui); 2, Chinese Y.M.C.A.; 3, Eastern. Time: 1:39.

100 metres breaststroke (open to members of the Chinese Press):—1, Har Wan; 2, Kong Yui-cheung; 3, Chui Woon-cheung. Time: 1:38 1-2.

Women's 50 metres:—1, Sum Wai-yang; 2, Ng Siu-tin. Time: 50. Women's 50 metres (open):—1, Ho Wai-ling (C.B.C.); 2, Cheong Oi-lan (Lai Tsun); 3, Ng Po-ling (Tenants Union). Time: 56 1-5.

50 metres breaststroke:—1, Wong Lok-tim; 2, Tse Yiu-tong; 3, Dai Yauk-mau. Time: 58. 400 metres (open):—1, Yai Sai-

"LEAD'S" FORECAST

FIRST DIVISION	
K.B.G.C. "A"	C.C.C.
K.B.G.C. "B"	Recreio "A"
Recreio "B"	K.C.C.
K.D.R.C.	P.R.C.
I.R.C.	C.S.C.C.
SECOND DIVISION	
K.F.C.	Recreio
H.K.C.C.	Talkoo R.C.
H.K.F.C.	K. Tong
K.C.C.	C.C.C.
THIRD DIVISION	
C.C.C.	H.K.C.C.
H.K.E.R.C.	K.B.G.C.
Recreio	K.F.C.
P.R.C.	H.K.F.C.

RACING IS AN ASSET

"If all the racehorses in training were killed off, and the oats they consumed given to hens, it would provide each member of the population of Britain with a quarter of an egg a year."

This was stated by the Minister of Agriculture, addressing a farmers mass meeting at York recently.

"Racehorses in training," said Mr. Hudson, "consume between 5,000 and 6,000 tons of oats a year. Before the war the annual production of oats was 2,000,000 tons a year. Since then it has gone up considerably."

Contrasting racehorses with pet dogs and cats, he said that each pet dog ate enough food to keep a human for one week a year.

Cats drank many millions of gallons of milk, and we needed milk more than eggs. Rats ate or destroyed half a million tons of cereals a year.

Keeping Up Morale

"After these figures," added the Minister, "I hope we shall hear no more about the alleged waste of food to keep racehorses. Racing provides a great deal of entertainment for the people of this country."

"Don't let us underestimate the value of entertainment in keeping up people's morale during the war."

The Minister, directly addressing the farmers said: "Whatever scientists may tell us, you cannot alter the habits of the British race overnight, and roast beef is synonymous with the British race. So you must provide it even if it is a bit leaner than usual."

For the moment there was a shortage of imported meat. Meat ships had had to be diverted to carrying troops and munitions to the Middle East.

Meanwhile the meat ration must be kept up. A good deal of extra meat this summer would mean a reduction in our herds and a more rapid killing off of beef cattle than was normal.

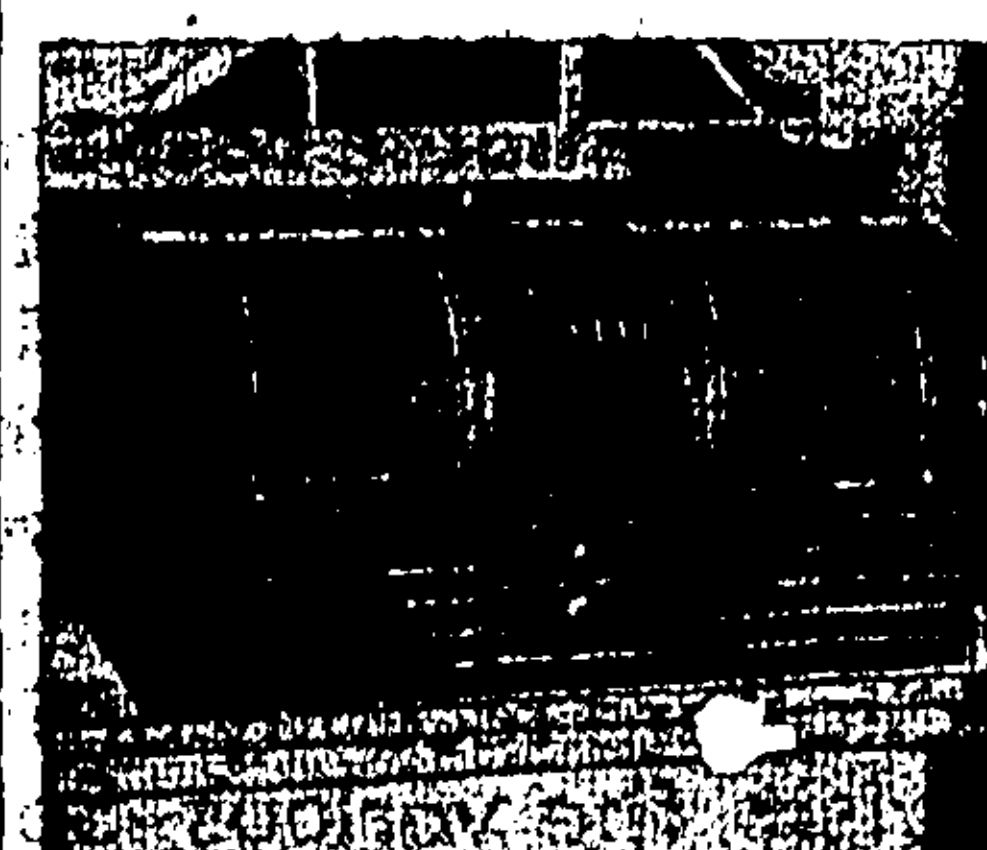
Kwai: 2, Mak Wai-ming; 3, Lau Tai-ping. Time: 5:53 3-10.

Women's 100 metres backstroke (open):—1, Sai Wa-ying; 2, Tsang Fung-kwan. Time: 1:36 1-5 (record).

Water Polo: Chinese Bathing Club lost to Sing Tao 3-0. Teams:—Sing Tao:—Sui Siu-hang, Cheng Shu-ze, Shek Kam-pui, Pan Ling-ai, Ng Nin, Li Fook-ki, Wong Chi-hung. C.B.C.:—Po Kiao-yok, Enrique Chan, Sung Yui-tak, Wong Cheuk-kin, Wong Kwok-ke, Young Tat-fan, Lau Wing-yim.

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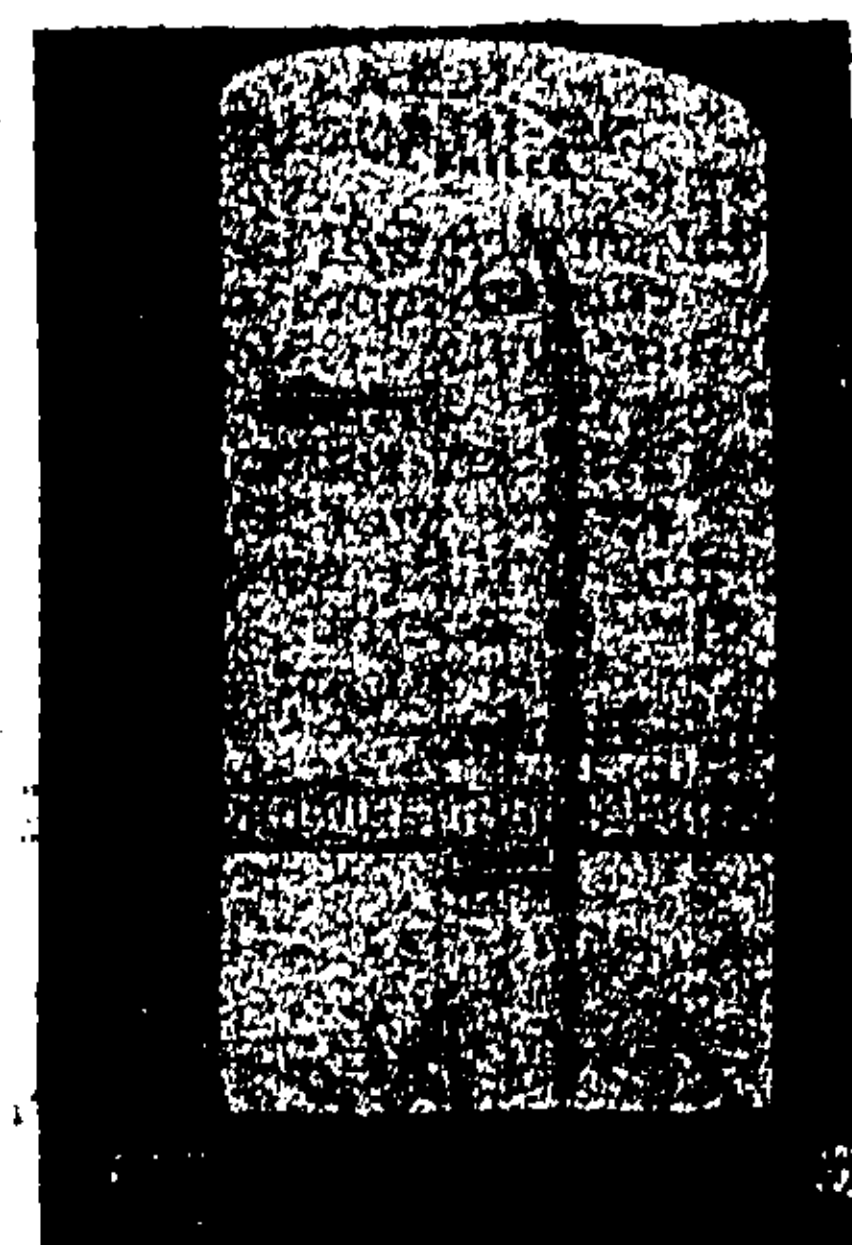
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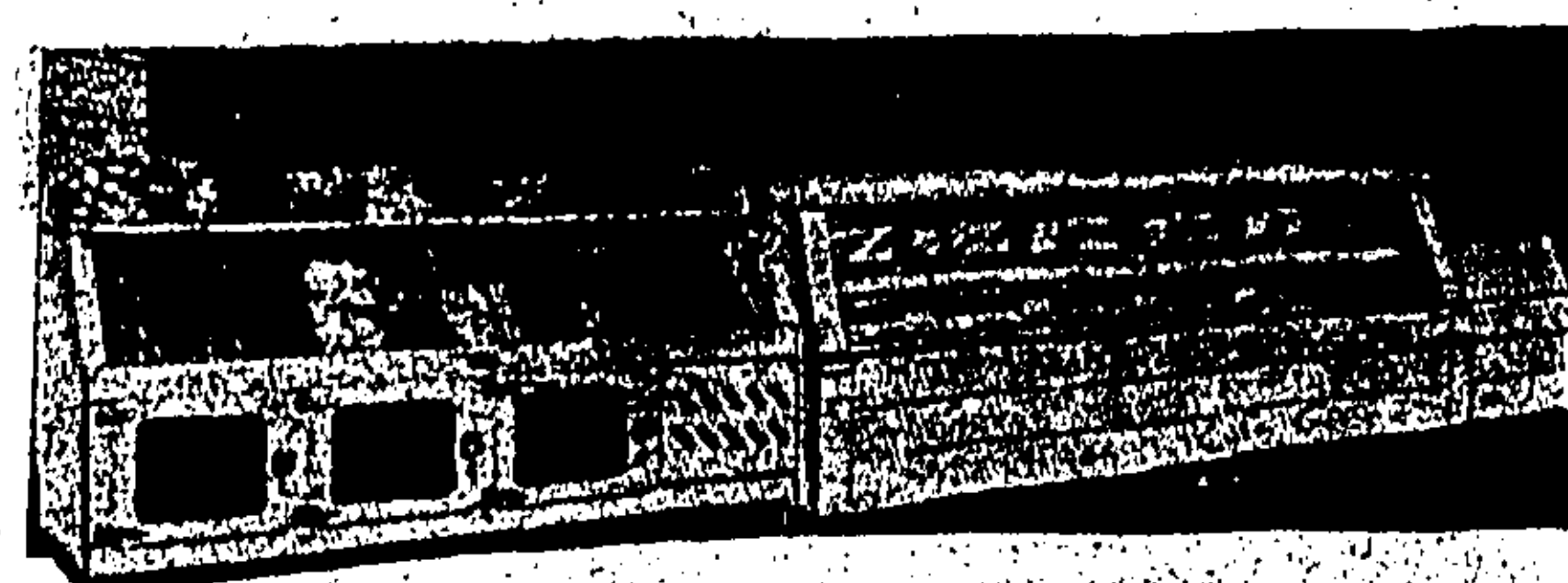
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SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS' ARRIVAL IN EGYPT

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SOMETHING TO SPECULATE ABOUT

Replying to questions at his press conference yesterday, whether his statement on Thursday meant that the United States was preparing to sever diplomatic relations with Vichy or seize French possessions, Secretary of State Cordell Hull said it would leave something for the press to speculate about.—Reuter.

BY AIR DIRECT TO U.S.A.

A NEW DIRECT AIR SERVICE BETWEEN BRITAIN AND BALTIMORE, U.S.A., WILL PROBABLY BE INAUGURATED NEXT WEEK.

The initial service will be maintained by one or more of the Boeing flying boats which will shortly be on the Britain-United States-West African route.

The new service will be additional to the British service to America, due to operate shortly, as well as to the present service via Lisbon.—Reuter.

Considerable Forces Moved North

THE PRESENCE OF South African forces in the Middle East and the arrival in Egypt of Colonel Stallard, the Union Minister of Mines, as representative of Field-Marshal Smuts, were simultaneously announced in Cairo last night in an official communique.

The communique says that Colonel Stallard recently arrived in Egypt "in order to visit the various South African formations now in that country. He is accompanied by Brigadier C. H. Blaine, Union Defence Secretary.

"After calling on the Premier, Hussein Sirry Pasha, General Wavell and Air-Marshal A. W. Tedder, new Commander-in-Chief of the R.A.F. Middle East, Colonel Stallard will inspect various camps where South African troops are stationed."

These seasoned troops, who have created a most favourable impression, have received a warm welcome from comrades in the Imperial and Allied Forces in Egypt.

"Considerable Strength"

For some time past South African forces have been moving steadily northwards, the movement having begun even before

the fall of Addis Ababa.

The orange sash on the shoulders, which denotes volunteering for service in any part of Africa, is now widely seen in Egypt and the South African Army, of considerable strength, is now encamped in various parts of Egypt.

Some came by sea, one contingent arriving in the largest convoy ever to leave South African shores, while others came by road travelling steadily up 3,000 miles of trek from Nairobi and arriving in Egypt in their dust-stained vehicles looking fit.

The South African Air Force has long been in action in the Western Desert.

Women's Forces

Colonel Stallard received a reception from the troops, being the first Union Cabinet Minister to visit the South Africans in the desert. Since his arrival he has been very busy and in addition to innumerable official appointments and conferences he is engaged in a programme visiting every South African camp.

Girls belonging to various South African Women's Forces have already arrived in Egypt while others are en route.—Reuter.

ITALIAN AIRCRAFT IN SYRIA ATTACKED

Heavy R.A.F. bombers attacked the aerodrome at Kattavia, on the island of Rhodes, during Wednesday/Thursday night, stated yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East communique.

Bombs straddled the runways and fell among hangars and aerodrome buildings, causing a number of violent explosions followed by fires.

Our aircraft bombed military buildings at Derna and the harbour at Benghazi, damaging the central mole.

R.A.F. bombers attacked Italian aircraft on Aleppo (Syria) aerodrome on Thursday, destroying one with a direct hit.

Bombs were also observed to burst on hangars and the tarmac. Columns of black smoke rose from the target after the attack.

Bombing and machine-gun attacks were carried out by R.A.F. and South African aircraft on enemy positions and mechanical transport in Abyssinia.

One of our fighters is missing from the above operations.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

An amendment to the Merchant Shipping Ordinance published in the "Gazette" this morning increases the scale of hire of motor-boats by 50 per cent. The new rate, for a period not exceeding 30 minutes, is \$1.80 between 7 a.m. and midnight, and \$2.10 between midnight and 7 a.m.

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DEATH

HAYWARD.—At Rangoon on 8th June, 1941, Allen William Hayward, aged 48.

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